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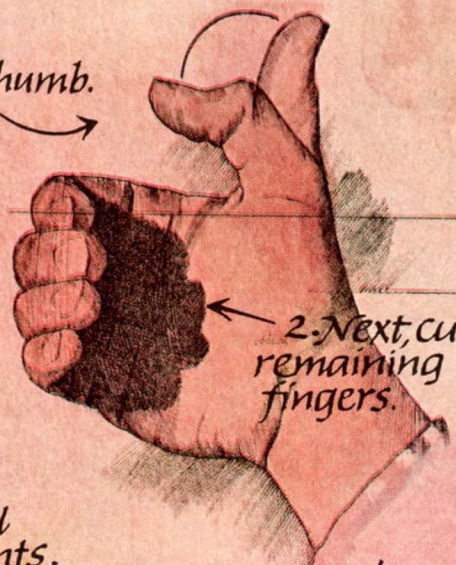

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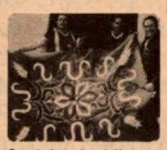

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AS I SEE IT

AN EDITORIAL

BY NAT LOUBET,

EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

The constantly increasing number of titles and weight classes perpetrated on the boxing public has become a maze of confusion that leaves the ''consumer'' in a complete state of bewilderment.

Between the World Boxing Association and The World Boxing Council there are sufficient ''half'' world title holders so that, even if you have a program with the numbers, it is impossible to tell the players and what they represent. To make the problem more complex, and downright confounding, is the constant addition of weight classes to the boxing scene. What with ''supers'' and ''juniors'' connected with the weight classes, both meaning the same thing when it comes to the bottom line, there is little wonder that the public often gives up on the mess, and on boxing.

If the confusion is to be straightened out it must be by those of us in boxing who care and wish to give the boxing fan weight classes and champions that can be understood.

Whereas it will take some time for the smokey atmospheres surrounding the champions to clear and it will necessitate a United State Federal Boxing Commission to accomplish the feat, something can be done about the weight class muddle. True, it may take a Federal Commission to finally rectify this problem as well.

At the present moment, taking the various weight classes as they stand, the divisions from flyweight on up can be cleaned up by changing the various weight classes.

Remembering that due to nutrition and other advances in health around the globe, persons are born and grow bigger and heavier, so, the weights of the classes should be adjusted to be in accord with the ever changing world. We do it in other fields. Why not boxing?

The present flyweight class calls for fighters in that division not to weigh over 112 pounds. Our suggestion is to change that limit to 116 pounds. How many competitors can we find who weigh less? Next would come the bantamweight class, currently calling for the limit of 118 pounds. We recommend that the limit be 122 pounds.

Although I believe that the ''in-between classes'' could and should be done away with, as long as television wants bodies I can't see any altruistic ''authoritative'' groups ridding the field of all the ''supers'' and ''juniors.'' But, by changing the weight classifications, we may straighten the mess out a little and keep us from adding more classes. Recently, a class was added by the WBC that will take in men weighing between 176 pounds and 190, that is, between the light heavyweight division and the heavyweight. We will soon have a ''super'' heavyweight division and ad infinitum.

Without continually adding, let's change the weights and in time we may even be able to do away with the ''supers'' and ''juniors.''

Let's take the jr. featherweight class and move the limit from 122 pounds to 126; push up the weight limit of the featherweight class from 126 to 130 pounds; the jr. lightweight class and bounce it up from 130 pounds to 135 and the lightweight class from 135 to 139 pounds.

We would advocate changing the limit of 140 to 144 pounds for the jr. welterweight class and the welterweight division would hold the line at 152 instead of its current 147 pounds. The jr. middles would be able to weigh up to 157 pounds in the new classification instead of 154 pounds and the middleweight division would be changed from 160 to 165 pounds.

This leaves us with the problem of the light heavyweight and heavyweight divisions, where the disparity between the two classes has been causing problems for years. Our suggestion is that the light heavyweight class limit be changed from 175 pounds to that of 182 pounds and everyone over that weight would be considered a heavyweight.

This change in weight limits would not immediately reduce the number of classes in boxing but it would reflect a more accurate division of the actual weights that competitors are fitting into in this era. It would also allow us in time to reduce the number of classes still further and even get back to eight or ten weight divisions which could still supply the unsatiable appetite of television for bodies..

Since the WBC and the WBA will get together on nothing but a ''war'' it will take a Federal Commission to get together with all the world ruling bodies and straighten out the number of classes, their weights, the recognition of one champion in each division and all the other multiple sins committed in the name of boxing which need not be.

If we live long enough, all this utopia in boxing may still become fact instead of wishful thinking.

IS LARRY HOLMES ANOTHER JOE LOUIS?

By NAT LOUBET

Despite the growing interest in the lower weight divisions, the heavyweights are still the royalty of boxing, the elite, who as if paid for their endeavors by the pound, receive more for their services and, it must be acknowledged, generate the most interest.

And where are we now in the heavyweight muddle and their highnesses?

Muhammad Ali, recognized by the World Boxing Association and nine tenths of the sporting world, has said that he will retire. He has until September to make it official or face having his escutchon cut off by the WBA.

The other ten percent of the heavyweight title resides at this moment in the possession of Larry Holmes, blessed by the World Boxing Council.

As we wait for the final vacating of his title by Ali, we see the eager promoters all straining at the starting gate with their various stratagies.

Don King, the underdog as long as Ali remains on the scene, stands to grab the bird seat if and when Ali calls it quits. At the moment, Larry Holmes is really the number one contender to Ali but as soon as Ali hangs his gloves up, Holmes, if he retains his unbeaten ways, will become "Mr. Big" in boxing.

The various promoters realize that, with Ali out of the picture, one or more tournaments will be necessary in order for the boxing world to accept a final champion.

At the moment, Bob Arum, the wheel at Top Rank Inc., has plans for a tournament to include a match between Kallie Knotze of South Africa and Leon Spinks, St. Louis, with the winner the winner of a contest with John Tate and South Africa's Gerrie Coetzee. There has been talk that the meeting between Spinks and Knoetze would be called as a decisive match with the winner being declared the WBA heavyweight champion without meeting anyone else. It is hard to believe that the WBA could think that such a quick solution to the departure of Ali would be seriously accepted by the boxing world.

Incidently, a Florida judge has ruled against Kallie Knotze's fighting in the U.S., so that any fight involving Kallie will have to take place outside the United States, probably in South Africa.

While all this is going on, and prior to this issue of *The Ring* going on sale, Larry Holmes will have put his WBC title on the line against Ossie Ocasio of Puerto Rico and should successfully defend his slice of the world title. The card, to take place in Las Vegas will also have Ken Norton in a fight fest with the hard slugging Earnie Shavers, a dangerous bout for Norton.

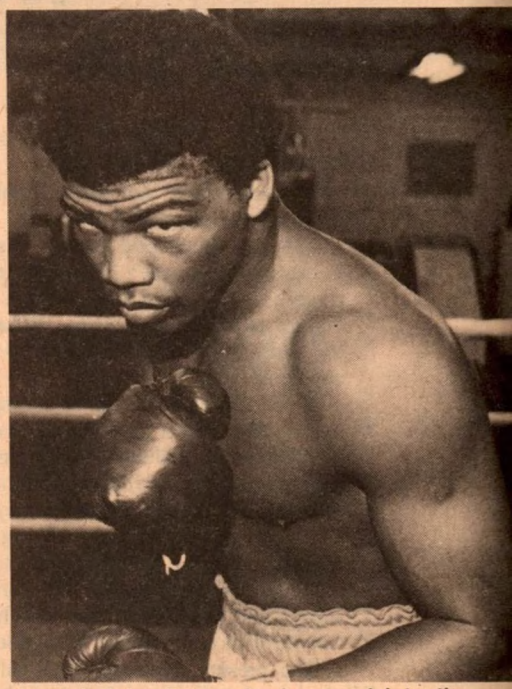
Also coming up on the fistic menu is a Pacific Coast promoter's offering of two fights that should have some bearing on any heavyweight tournament. Mike Weaver, the U.S. heavyweight champion, is slated to bang it out against Leroy Jones in a second meeting of the pair. On the same card, scheduled for Las Vegas, Ron Lyle and Dino Dennis are scheduled to fight it out.

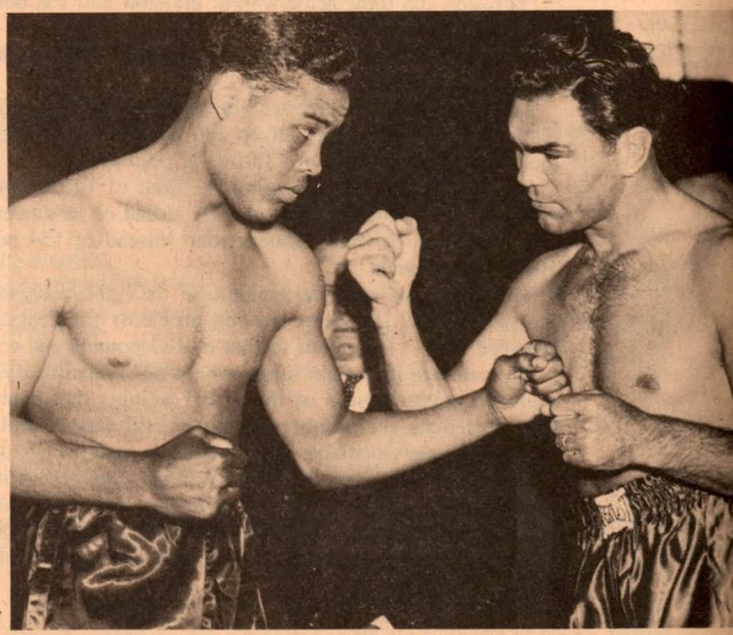
According to sources close to King, Larry Holmes, if he gets through Ocasio, will take on Mike Weaver.

There certainly is a swell of action for heavyweight fans as they watch the various contestants aim at a shot at the crown and universal recognition.

One thing is sure: no tournament or tournaments will end up with a "real" champion without the winners of the Larry Holmes-Ossie Ocasio and Ken Norton-Earnie Shavers winners being considered and participating in the action.

What we will probably witness when Ali finally not only says "finis" but means it will be a vast scrambling that will resemble a well of chaos and out of which will come order, a semblance of order, purely because, eventually, the two heavyweights most endowed with winning ability will be forced to meet based on economics if nothing else.





(Above) John Tate, who bounced into the heavyweight title picture with a stunning first round knockout of Duane Bobick. (Below) Joe Louis squares off with Max Schmeling prior to their heavyweight title bout in 1938. Joe stopped Max in 2:04 of the first round.

Television will pay sufficient sacks of gold and, despite all the politics and other considerations, the big money will come down to two final contenders. It's a "natural," and it will happen.

The sooner we get all these contender fights on the road, the sooner we can have one champion.

Although most experts feel sure that Ali is, at last, serious about not fighting again, it is reported that Bob Arum would like to match Ali against the Italian, Alfio Righetti, with Ali getting millions for his efforts. Ali stated to the writer at the Joe Louis Dinner in Las Vegas that he was not contemplating fighting again, but that, if he did, it would be against Larry Holmes for ten million. He seemed fairly certain that he would retire.

Unfortunately, before we get to a conclusion in the heavyweight mess, boxing will first go through a period of the blahs. As far back as boxing's first chirp, the adage "as the heavyweights go, so goes boxing," has been a meaningful statement that could be used as a guideline in assaying the general health of the sport.

This is not quite as true currently as during previous eras thanks to the exposure of other weight classes on video by the television networks. As least the networks have accomplished some element of good.

Ali's recent gambits seem to indicate that he was calling it a day while attempting to clean up in the process. His current stick is to appear in exhibitions in various cities for exorbitant fees. In Chicago, after his usual clowining exhibition, he told the populace that this was his last ring appearance in the Windy City. In Providence, he clowned and waltzed through a three-round exhibition with Jimmy Ellis and, again, stated to the City Fathers that *they* had seen the last of Ali the ring worrior.

Considering the number of cities in the U.S., not to mention the world at large, it appears that Ali can earn a lot of loot, and so so for years after he gives up the title. However, Ali may just outfox himself.

For example, Ali is currently dickering for an exhibition with the Cuban, Teofilio Stevenson, an amateur and Olympic winner. There was a time that Ali was being edged into a series of real fights with Stevenson, but Ali's brain got the better of his greed and he realized how foolhardy such a series would be to his future.

If Ali gets the million he wants, it is expected that he may ink the contract calling for the exhibition in New Orleans under the promotion of the California promoter, Ben Thompson.

Can you imagine if, in the course of this farce, Stevenson should catch the aging Ali flush on the kisser and down goes Ali for the ten count? Who is there who would not insist that Stevenson, an amateur, did not have one helluva claim to the world heavyweight title?

Since the heavyweight class is the one division in boxing that cannot have an overweight non-title bout, it must be realized that whenever the heavyweight champion of the world climbs into a ring, for an exhibition or whatever, if he gets belted, he has had it, and so has his title.

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(Above) WBC champion Larry Holmes seems to be pondering the future of the heavyweight division. Is Holmes another Louis—in the ring or out? (Right) South African Kallie Knoetze is officially persona non grata in this country. Is he out of the heavyweight title scene for good?

HOLMES TAKES OUT OCASIO; SHAVERS STUNS NORTON WITH FIRST ROUND KAYO

Osvaldo "Jaws" Ocasio falls to the canvas in the seventh round of his scheduled fifteen-rounder with WBC heavyweight champ Larry Holmes. Ossie hit the deck a total of four times that round, and referee Carlos Padilla stopped the contest at 2:38.

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

It was a March Massacre at the Hilton Sports Pavilion in Las Vegas, as Larry Holmes retained his WBC heavyweight title with a seventh round knockout of Osvaldo "Jaws" Ocasio.

And former WBC champion Ken Norton bit the dust in the first round, the victim of a brutal knockout by Earnie Shavers.

Holmes proved to be a brilliant strategist and an awesome puncher, as he compiled the thirtieth straight victory of his undefeated career.

The WBC champion began to shut the "Jaws" of his challenger early in the second round.

He had toyed with his opponent throughout the first, with Ocasio managing a few unimpressive jabs and combinations.

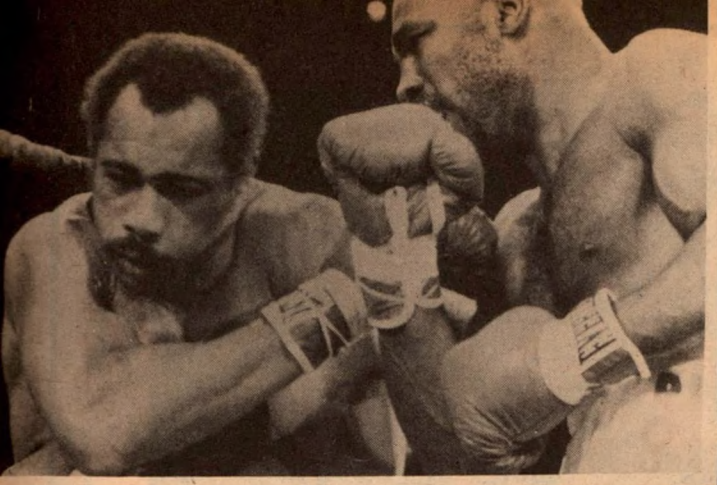
Holmes came on full force in the second roud, with uppercuts and right hand leads that sent the Puerto Rican twice to the ropes.

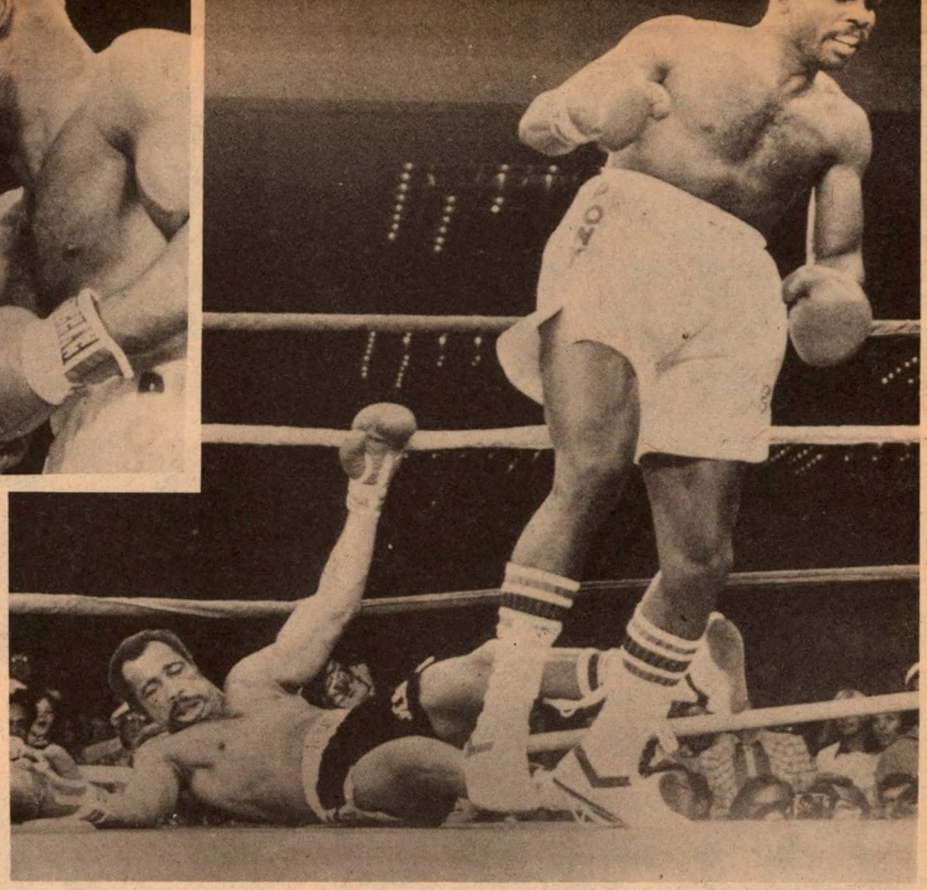
Ocasio came off the ropes with a left hook, which Holmes countered by quick left jabs and a right to the head.

The Holmes fury continued into the third round with constant jabs to Ocasio's head. Ocasio managed a grazing left hook to the side of Holmes' head. He then began to back away and cover his face for protection. Holmes countered this tactic with punishing rights to the challenger's body.

The fourth round saw the challenger backing up while Holmes delivered two straight left hooks to his jaw. This was followed with a left-right combination which staggered Ocasio and sent him, once again, to the ropes. Holmes continued the punishment with a right hand lead to the mouth of the "Jaws" and another right in the body.

The WBC champion stalked his prey again in the fifth round, pounding on Ocasio's face and body with brutal left jabs. The Puerto Rican was forced to a neutral corner where he endured several sharp combinations before he managed an escape to the center of the ring.





(Above) Earnie Shavers followed through as he has Ken Norton on the ropes. Norton weighed 225, the heaviest of his career. (Right) Shavers walks away from Norton, who is clearly beaten. The knockout came at 1:58 of the first round.

Holmes continued to batter his opponent in mid-ring, setting him up with long lefts, followed by combinations to the head and body. A weary Ocasio was unable to counter the Holmes attack.

The handwriting was on the wall as Holmes emitted a war cry that scared his opponent and delighted his fans.

The sixth round was all Holmes—left jabs, right leads, and left counter punches to the hapless challenger's head and body.

The seventh round was a ring execution, as Holmes' short lefts and overhand rights sent Ocasio to the canvas four times in succession. The challenger managed to get up three times by the count of eight; but referee Carlos Padilla did not bother to count after the fourth knockdown. The fight was stopped at 2:38 of the seventh round.

At the post-fight press conference, a jubilant Larry Holmes explained his strategy: "I took my time and set him up. A lot of people thought this fight was a mismatch; but that's not true. Ocasio was a very determined fighter, and he'll give a lot of people a lot of trouble in the future. Don't sell me short by saying this was a mismatch. I'm just good!

Ocasio's manager, veteran Bill Daly, made a lengthy speech in which he stated: "We have nothing to be ashamed of. For a kid of twenty-one, Ocasio fought as well as any heavyweight. We had only 3½ weeks to teach him to bob and weave and stay away from Holmes. We thought he did very well, until he got careless in the fifth round. 'Jaws' wanted this fight, and he got it. But now he knows he just wasn't in a league to beat Larry Holmes. Holmes is just too good. Ocasio has a style similar to Jack Dempsey's, and he'll go far. Remember, this is the first time he's ever been knocked down, and it's his first defeat in thirteen pro fights.

We're going to see how Norton looks in a couple of months, and then perhaps we'll negotiate for a Norton-Ocasio fight."

The semi-main bout saw a stunning major upset—as Earnie Shavers destroyed former WBC champion Ken Norton at 1:58 of the first round.

The brief battle was all Shavers, as the determined slugger went to war at the opening bell. Shavers came out swinging with short, straight punches that immediately sent Norton to the ropes. The familiar Norton ploy of covering his face didn't work against the hungry Shavers, and Norton doubled over when Shavers landed a left to his mid-section.

Two left-right combinations sent a staggered Norton to the canvas for the first time. He got to his feet by the count of six, only to suffer a demolishing right uppercut that sent him down for the final KO.

It was the most punishing defeat of Norton's career (even more than his second round KO at the fists of former champion George Foreman in 1974). While he was a 3-1 favorite going into the fight, Norton seemed lackadaisical in his attitude in the days before he entered the ring. At 225 lbs., he was out of shape both physically and mentally; and Shavers took advantage of this fact.

The demoralized former WBC champion went into immediate hibernation. His statement to the press, sent by way of his publicist, stated: "He did to me what I had planned to do to him. I stayed on the ropes hoping that Shavers would wear himself out, but the plan didn't work.

"I can't say right now whether I'm going to retire or not".

By contrast, Earnie Shavers was in the greatest shape of his career. Shavers was fighting a life-and-death battle to maintain his position as a top contender in the heavyweight ranks, and his desperation was obvious.

Following his stunning victory, Shavers stated: "I knew Norton was afraid of me. He wasn't in the best of shape, and in no shape to tangle with me. I trained for nine weeks in virtual seclusion for this fight. I watched my diet, took a lot of vitamins, and lost seventeen pounds to come in at 210. I trained for this fight like I've never trained before."

He went on: "Norton hit me a couple of grazing shots, but they didn't do any damage. He wasn't in shape, he didn't move to get away from me, and he was so nervous he wouldn't even look me in the face."

I refined my style to short, straight punches, and they worked. When I hit him with the first left hook, I knew he was through".

Shavers' trainer, Frank Luca, commented: "We worked on this strategy for a full nine weeks. Earnie carried out our battle plan to perfection. I told him before the fight: "We're going to war, and

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Danny "Little Red" Lopez sends a left to the face of Roberto Castanon in Salt Lake City, Utah. Lopez won the vacant world featherweight crown by knocking out Roberto in the second round.

LOPEZ KAYOES CASTANON FOR WORLD TITLE

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

Salt Lake City—Danny Lopez gave Roberto Castanon a fleeting moment of hope in the first round as the Spaniard couldn't seem to miss Lopez's face. But Lopez got started in the second and twice put Castanon down, the second time for good.

"He came out to kill," the twenty-six year old champion said. "He threw a lot of punches, but none of them hurt me. I figured I'd get to him early."

Lopez's victory has earned him the recognition of *The Ring* as the world featherweight champion.

Lopez, originally from Utah, but now fighting out of Los Angeles, scored his thirtieth knockout in forty-four bouts and now prepares for a mandatory title defense against Mike Ayala of Texas.

Castanon, the European champion, brought a 29-0, twenty by kayo, record into the contest. Lopez was Castanon's first big name opponent and his first appearance in America. Castanon made an honest attempt to ply his trade, as he has learned it. He brought the fight to Lopez, which, of course, is why it ended so quickly.

Both fighters weighed 126, but Lopez had a six inch advantage in reach and a much more powerful punch.

Castanon rushed out in the first round looking for a quick kill. His punches came in waves, looping in, one after another, like he was slapping the speed bag. Lopez looked like he had tried on ice skates for the first time. Later he would complain about the slippery canvas.

If the Spaniard thought he had the world title in sight by his success in the first, Lopez struck back in the second and proved it was just a mirage in the challenger's eyes.

In the second, Lopez began to go under Castanon's punches and counter to the body. Lopez drifted towards the ropes, inviting Castanon in. A short uppercut dropped the challenger onto his back. He got up quickly and tried to make a go of it.

Lopez again backed to the ropes. Castanon came in, straight up, as open as the great outdoors, and was caught by two right hand leads, the second one finishing him off. Referee Carlos Padilla counted, and Castanon, on his knees, heard each number clearly, but was not about to get up. Despite his hustle and guttiness, the European was in over his head.

Later, Castanon said, "My plan was to keep moving in on him and keep throwing punches. He is a much better hitter than I expected. He is a very smart fighter."

The bout was broadcast over ABC-TV to a nation-wide audience. The skinny, power-punching Lopez is a very sellable item to TV audiences.

Lopez's career began in 1971. He won his first twenty-three fights, twenty-two by kayo with seven first round knockouts. Then, cross town rival Bobby Chacon flattened him

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GOMEZ KO'S JIMENEZ FOR WORLD JR. FEATHER TITLE

By ARTHUR REMBERT

New York City, N.Y.—Wilfredo Gomez made his American debut at Madison Square Garden when he destroyed Nestor "Baba" Jimenez in five one-sided rounds. Jimenez is not ranked by *The Ring*, but his record of 64-13-1 (with twenty-two kayoes) shows that he is experienced, if nothing else. Experience and nothing else is all that the native of Colombia showed as it became not so much as if, but when the hard punching Gomez would knock him out. Indeed, Jimenez needed every bit of the experience that he gathered in his seventy-eight fights to survive the first round. Wilfredo, probably because he is a puncher, is the hottest attraction on the island of Puerto Rico (and this includes Wilfredo Benitez and Sam Serrano), started as though his Rolls Royce was doubled parked.

Gomez, showing absolutely no respect for Jimenez, walked in throwing bombs and it looked as though Nestor would not last the duration of the first round. Wilfredo pinned him against the ropes near his own corner and pummeled him with left hooks and overhand rights. Nestor lasted the round but could not stay off the ropes. You don't fight off the ropes with a guy who can punch like Gomez. Wanting to do something is one thing, but doing it is another as Wilfredo put on a clinic in power punching with Jimenez as his subject.

In the opinion of your writer, it was only Jimenez's courage which enabled him to last until 2:51 of the fifth round. If the 22-year-old Gomez does not step up in class to challenge world featherweight king Danny Lopez, or WBA champ Eusebio Pedroza he will dominate the Jr. Featherweight class the same way that Muhammad Ali does with the heavyweights, and Roberto Duran DID with the lightweights. Tune in next week, ladies and gentlemen, because Wilfredo Gomez appears to be for real.

With his knockout over Jiminez, Gomez won recognition from *The Ring* as the junior featherweight champion of the world. This is the first time *The Ring* has recognized a champion in the junior featherweight division.

In supporting bouts, Texas Maurice "Termite" Watkins made his Madison Square Garden debut and was awarded a ten-round draw against Teodoro Osuna of Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. Watkins, ranked number eight by *The Ring*, like many other rated lightweights is foaming at the mouth now that Superman (Roberto Duran) has announced that he is relinquishing his 135 lb. title to go after bigger game. In the opinion of your writer, Watkins who came into Sonny Werblin's house of sports with a record of 44-2-1 (twenty-seven kayoes) was unimpressive to say the least against a fighter with less than half his ex-

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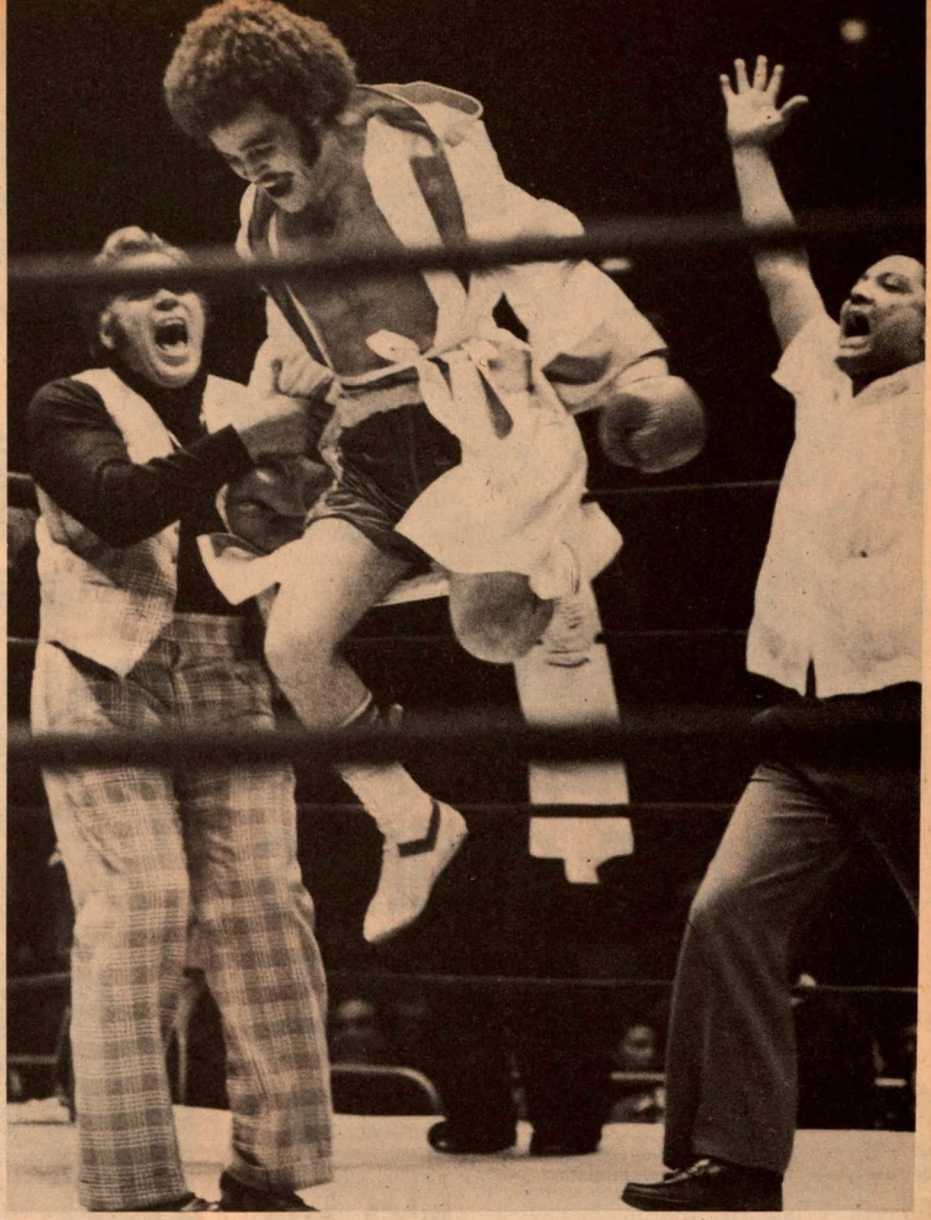
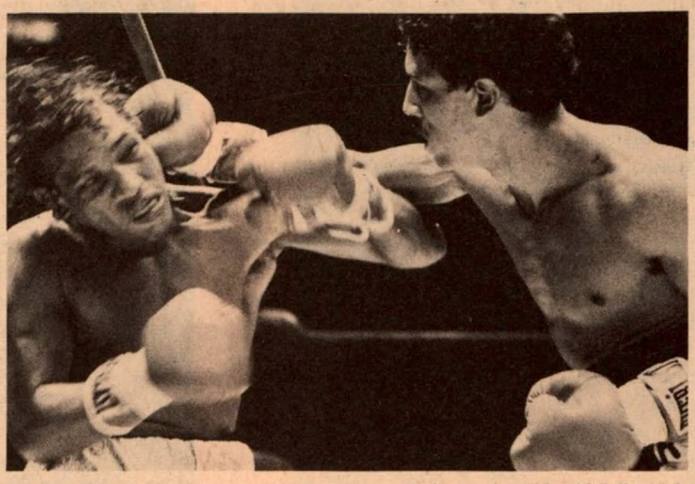
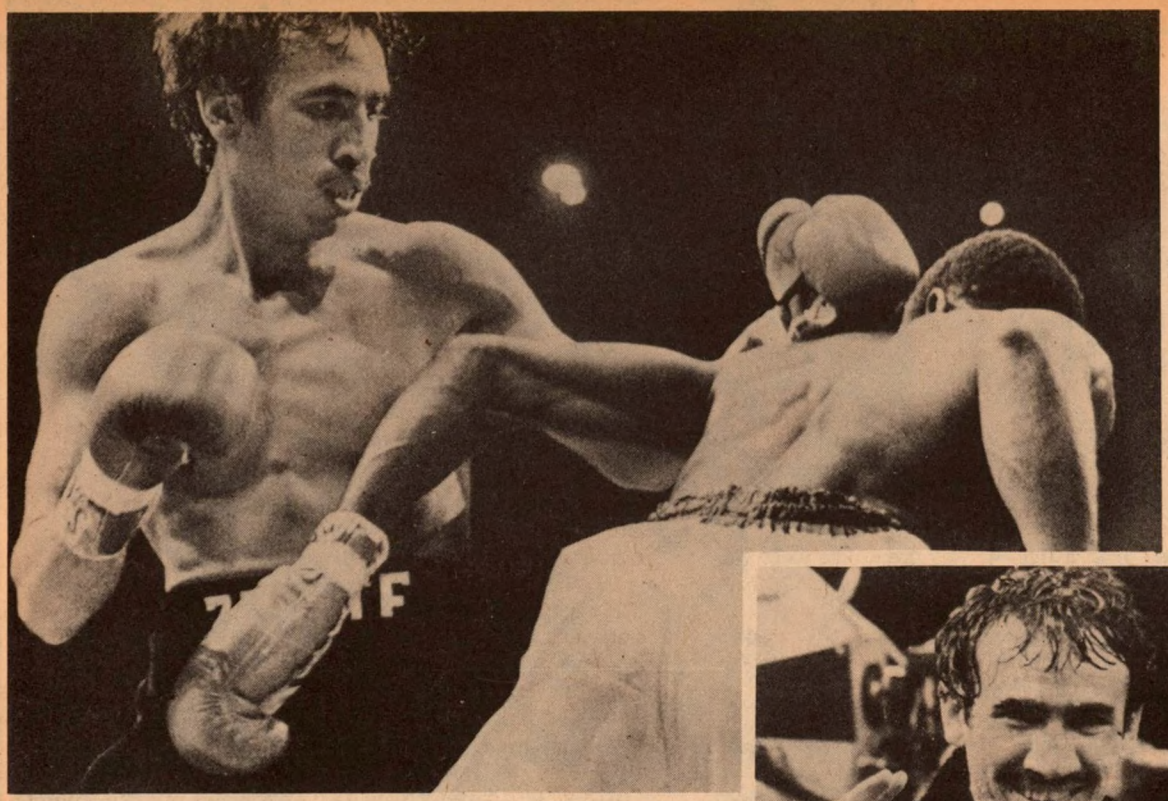




(Left) Wilfredo Gomez lands a right to the head of Nestor "Baba" Jimenez in their scheduled fifteen-round world junior featherweight title bout in Madison Square Garden. Gomez stopped Jimenez at 2:51 of the fifth. (Above) Ruby "The Snake" Ortiz leaps for joy after winning a unanimous decision over previously undefeated Hugo Rengifo. (Photos by Dwight Johnson)



(Left) WBC bantamweight champion Carlos Zarate lands a left hook to the head of challenger Mensa Kpalogo in the third round of their scheduled fifteen-round fight at the Forum in Inglewood, California. (Below) Zarate waves to the crowd after knocking Kpalogo out in 2:47 of the third.

ZARATE SCORES ANOTHER KAYO

By DON FRASER

Inglewood, Calif.—Carlos Zarate made his ninth WBC bantamweight title fight look easy, finishing off challenger Mensa Kpalogo at the 2:47 mark of the third round before 9,359 fans at the Forum.

Ranked as the number one contender by the WBC, Kpalogo proved to be an awkward type of a boxer with no punch to give Zarate any problems.

Making his first appearance outside of West Africa, Kpalogo was in retreat during the first two rounds.

The 27-year-old title holder scored well with body punches in the first two rounds. The end came swiftly, catching the crowd by surprise.

It was a vicious left uppercut that sent the African to the canvas. He was frozen and couldn't make any attempt to beat the count.

Judge Ken Davis, who had a clear view from his ringside seat, said "Zarate's powerful left hand did it, with several body shots prior doing the damage."

The champion was surprised it was so easy. "He never hurt me once", remarked and unmarked Zarate.

Kpalogo, who is from Lome, Togo, and is the African Boxing Union bantamweight monarch, thought his speed would be the difference.

"I was in great condition to go fifteen rounds. Zarate is a tremendous fighter and a strong puncher," added the disappointed challenger.

It was the first outing for Carlos since he was stopped in an unsuccessful bid for Wilfredo Gomez's WBC super bantam crown. His record is now 55-1 with fifty-three knockouts. He is anxious to get another shot at Gomez, but in the meantime, he'll probably give fellow countryman Lupe Pintor a chance.

Arturo Hernandez, who manages Zarate and Pintor, says he'll release Pintor so the latter can have his well deserved showdown with the awesome punching champion.

Zarate was one pound overweight at the weigh-in and had to shed the pound in the steam bath to make 118. Kpalogo was 116¼.

The gate was $124,750.

Pintor was featured in the top supporting ten-rounder. He halted Livio Nolasco of the Dominican Republic at 2:16 of the sixth round.

Pintor, 120¼, Mexico City, dropped Nolasco in the second round, then had him defenseless in the sixth, when referee Marty Denkin wisely intervened.

Adelaido Galindo, 115, Mexico City, another Zarate stablemate, outlasted Eleoncio Merceds, 113, Dominican Republic, in a spirited ten-rounder.

In four rounders: Irish Paddy Wilson, 160, Seattle, edged Dennis Mancini, 161, Los Angeles; Jorge LaBradam, 133½, Los Angeles, outpointed Julio Alphonso, 135, Dominican Republic.

PARK BEATS CANTO TO WIN WORLD FLYWEIGHT CROWN

By WON HUN-LO

Pusan, Korea — Local Park Chan-Hee scored one of the year's major upsets when he outpointed Merida, Mexico's world flyweight champion, Miguel Canto, via fifteen-round unanimous decision.

Canto was making a record-breaking fifteenth defense of his world title. He was breaking a record he himself had set.

Miguel looked like less than a tiger his last time out, when he outpointed local Antonio Avelar over fifteen rounds last Feb. 10 in Merida. During that fight, Miguel started to show his wear and tear. He looked slow and the legs were not doing what the champion wanted.

Canto first won the title on Jan. 8, 1975, with a fifteen-round decision over Japan's Shoji Oguma in Japan. He defended it against Oguma (twice), Betulio Gonzalez, (twice), Martin Vargas (twice), Ignacio Espinal, Susumu Hanagata, Orlando Javierto, Reyes Arnal, Kimeo Furesawa, Tacomron Vibonchai Avelar, and Jiro Takada, who was his last kayo, scored on Aug. 23, 1975. After that Canto went fifteen rounds thirteen times in a row and ten rounds once. That's a lot of boxing and makes for short careers.

Miguel looked more like fifty than thirty at the start, and it was all Park for the first ten rounds. The champ just couldn't get off as Chan-Hee, not a big banger, kept on top of him.

Park built up a big lead with his pressing attack, scoring with quick left jabs and combos to the head of Canto.

Miguel couldn't get inside the long reach of Korea. Canto kept on running into slaps as he tried to get under the attack of the oncoming Park.

Canto started to rally in the eleven, when Park looked tired. Miguel landed shots to the body and the Korean was holding on.

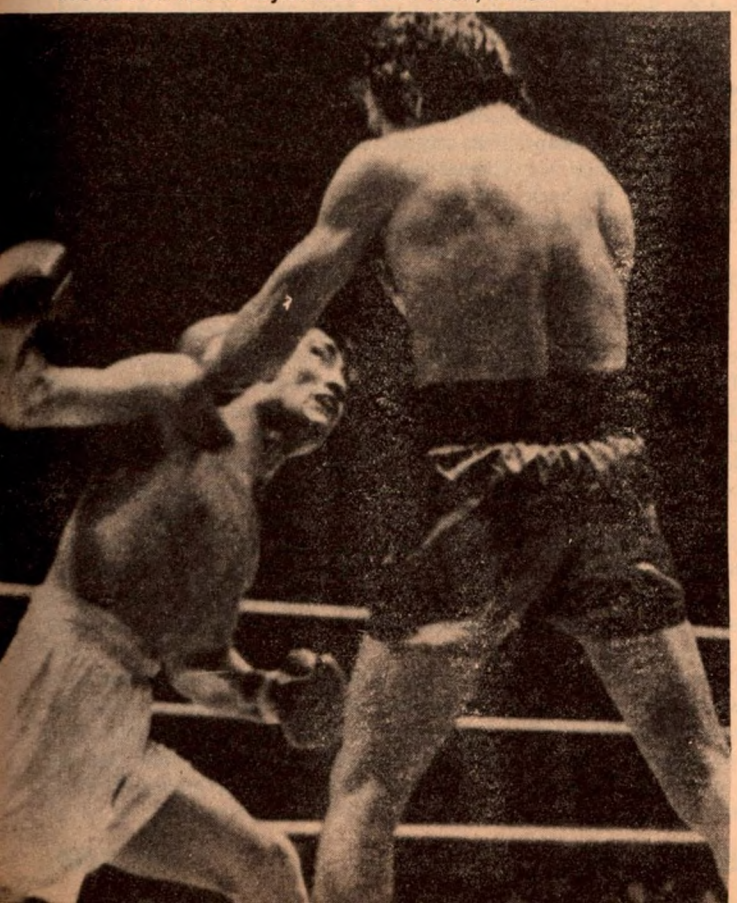
The twelfth was Canto's big round. He went on the attack and scored with rights to the head. Park held on and escaped a knockdown.

The last three rounds Miguel was going for the knockout, but the great little ex-champ just doesn't have the guns to pull it off. Park held on and walked off with the nod and the title.

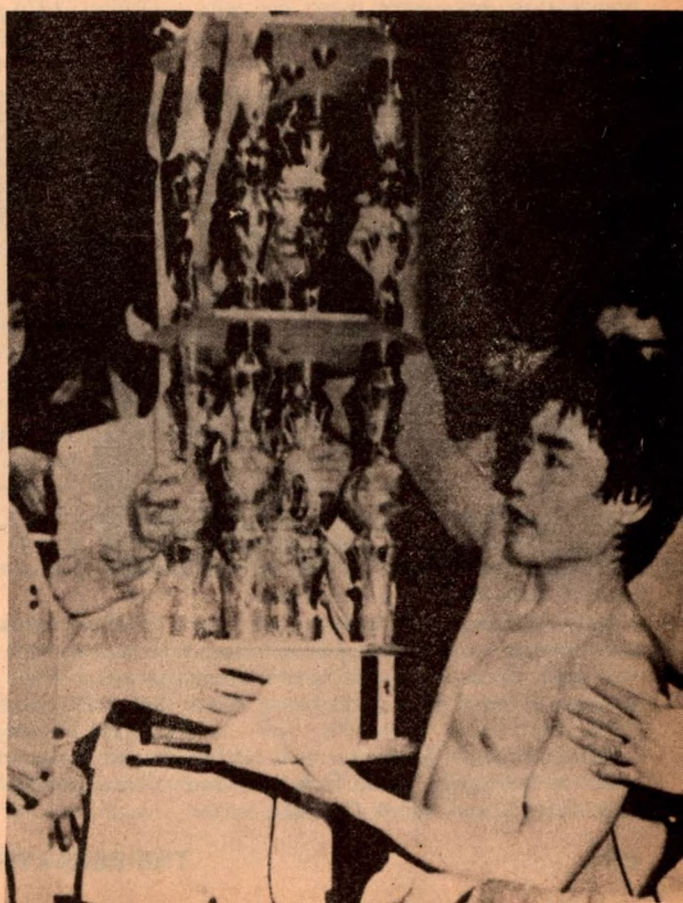
Park Chan-Hee would like to clear up the dual flyweight championship mess if Japan's Shoji Oguma wins his rematch with WBA champion Betulio Gonzalez. If not, then there's a good chance he will battle the WBC junior flyweight champion, another South Korean, Kim Sung-Jun.

As for Canto, it's back to Mexico for a rest and maybe a return match with the South Korean later in the year.

Korean Park Chan-Hee, left, attacks defending world flyweight champion Miguel Canto in the ninth round of their fifteen-round title bout in Kudok Gymnasium in Pusan, Korea.



Park holds the trophy presented to him after he won the world flyweight title with a unanimous decision over Canto.



KUDO WINS CONTROVERSIAL DECISION OVER GONZALEZ AND RETAINS TITLE

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

Argentine light middleweight champion Manuel Ricardo Gonzalez, left, and world junior middleweight champion Masashi Kudo miss left hands in their fifteen-rounder for the latter's title at Kuramae Sumo Arena in Tokyo. Kudo won a hotly disputed majority decision. Venezuelan referee Luis Sulbaran, who scored the bout a draw, 146-146, is glimpsed in back of Gonzalez.

Tokyo, Japan — WBA junior middleweight champion Masashi Kudo of Japan was awarded a very controversial decision, Argentine challenger Manuel Gonzalez seeming a points victor after their fifteen hard-fought rounds. Just at the final gong, the corner of Gonzalez jubilantly called him "Nuevo Campeon (New Champion)." However, an incomprehensible majority verdict went to the bruised and bleeding Kudo, who kept his world throne for the second time since wresting it from Nicaragua's Eddie Gazo on August 9 of last year.

At least three more points appeared to be won by Gonzalez with his superior left hand.

They were hitherto unbeaten boxers. Kudo, Manuel's senior by one year at twenty-seven, had scored twenty-one wins, including eleven knockouts, in as many bouts compared to 43-0-3 (with twelve kayos) for the Argentine and South American titlist.

The defending worold champion often attempted to catch Gonzalez with desperate combinations, but the latter's elusiveness enabled him to avert most of Kudo's punches. Gonzalez bounced jabs off Kudo's face repeatedly, although he seldom tossed strong right shots. They contested on fairly even terms in the first three sessions. Then as they commenced to exchange blows, about eight thousand spectators at Kuramae Sumo (Japanese national wrestling) Arena found they were not power punchers but sharp speedsters.

The fourth and fifth rounds saw Manuel's agility in ducking the champ's stinging lefts. The Argentine technician traded looping left leather with better precision and so dominated the fifth stanza by a slight margin.

Kudo, standing 5'8", half an inch taller than Gonzalez, chased his opponent in round six, when Gonzalez cleverly kept sidestepping and received some good shots. It was even.

Kudo, an upright footworker, took his first round in the eighth, as he traded left and right punches and nailed Gonzalez to the ropes. But the crouching challenger never looked hurt thanks to his defensive ability.

Gonzalez might be unknown to the international fistic front, because he has had few experiences to fight out of his native country. Owing to Manuel's lack of power, Kudo was favored to win rather easily.

However, the undefeated Gonzalez was a skillful boxer, especially at close range. He had won the national title by a twelve-round decision from compatriot Esteban Osuna in October, 1976, and gained the South American crown from Brazil's Joao Mendoca in May of last year.

Truly, there was some secret plan on the part of the unheralded Argentine. His excellent defense was it. In the tenth round, Manuel responded to the aggressive Kudo and battled toe-to-toe, sometimes with his back against the ropes, and effectively punched the champ in the face.

Kudo appeared annoyed due to his frequently missed blows. The eleventh saw them hit each other on very few occasions, as Kudo tried to keep the distance with a full display of footwork. The confident-looking Gonzalez won the twelfth round as he scored with sharp lefts to Kudo's swollen face. Round thirteen was dominated again by Manuel, who set the pace with his left hand. Whether Kudo realized he was behind on points or not, in the last two rounds the Japanese attacked the challenger with all he had.

Manuel showed clever rope work and slipped out of a barrage of punches from the desperate Kudo. At that stage, Kudo's face was badly reddened and his nose was continually bleeding. This was due to a few effective counterpunches of Gonzalez, which were delivered in spite of Kudo's nonstop rough attack for three full minutes.

The problematic scoresheets were as follows: Venezuelan referee Luis Sulbaran, 146-146; judges Carlos Berrocal from Panama and Japanese Ken Morita, 146-144 and 148-147, respectively, in Kudo's favor. No sooner had the verdict been announced than Gonzalez became so angry as to rush to the winner's corner. He was held back by his manager and seconds. Manuel might have been a cautious, defensive and one-handed boxer, but his superior technique should have been more highly evaluated. The officials might have neglected the effect of Gonzalez's well-time lefts because the Argentine hardly seemed to follow up.

Kudo, a former amateur wrestler, entered the ring at the 154-pound limit, only one pound heavier than Gonzalez, but he possessed a more developed torso and longer arms, which were not utilized.

Kudo managed to eke out majority decisions in his previous fifteen-rounders, and this time. . . . .

After his hand was raised by the third man, Kudo began to cry in the ring and even in the dressing room. Perhaps the proud Masashi might be ashamed of his poor showing against people's expectations. Kudo breathlessly said, "I've done my best. I had to depend on my fighting spirit, because he (Gonzalez) had a better technique." Loser Manuel also burst into tears against the official nod and said to a microphone broadcasting live to Argentina. "Madre (Mother), I was robbed. The champ's punches never hurt me."

Masashi Kudo's next challenger has been already determined by the WBA's order. He is unbeaten Ayub Kalule of Uganda, a perennial top contender who has been fighting in Europe with a string of important wins.

Maurice Hope slams a hard left hook to Rocky Mattioli's jaw. Rocky broke his wrist in two places when he went down in the first round.

HOPE WINS WBC JR. MIDDLE CROWN; OWEN LOSES IN SPAIN

By JACK A. TREE

Rome, Italy—After almost two frustrating years, Maurice Hope finally caught up with WBC junior middleweight champion Rocky Mattioli. He had to journey to San Remo, Italy, but it was worth while, for he returned to Britain with the crown, Mattioli retiring with an injured right at the end of round eight. With other guys jumping the queue and Mattioli's lay-off because of a broken jaw, Hope must have thought he would never make it. Two years ago, in Berlin, he beat the reigning champion at that time, German Eckhard Dagge, in the eyes of most but only got a share of the points.

Mattioli was in tears when he retired. His wrist was broken as a result of the explosive first round when a left hook sent him down on the seat of his pants and he put out his right hand to save himself. "I would have won it had it not been for this" said the champion. Hope had injured his foot in training a few days prior to the match, but it stood up to the pressure fairly well. As for Mattioli, his left finger and thumb blew up, and it was painful every time he landed.

The officials' scorecards were not necessary, but their scoring of the fight at the time of Rocky's retirement is interesting. The two judges had Hope in front by five points but the Mexican referee, Raimundo Solis, gave Mattioli a two point advantage.

Hope collected his largest purse in a six-year and thirty-fight career—$64,000. Mattioli could have taken advantage of a clause in the contract which allowed a champion to retire because of injury with the fight being declared a technical draw and the crown safe.

In the first ten seconds, a left to the jaw sent Mattioli flat on the seat of his pants. The champion made his feet, but the count went to eight. Mattioli fought back in the second, jabbing well with his left, but Hope finished strongly and had a little to spare. The third saw both throwing punches from all angles and it swayed from one to the other. Punches were still landing as the bell sounded. Mattioli came back into the picture in the fourth and Hope was on the receiving end of some good punches. As the round closed, Hope was again in command with Mattioli losing his earlier advantage. In round five, Hope's lefts and rights brought swellings and red patches on the champion's face. He looked worried and bewildered, not being able to stop Hope's advance. Mattioli could not settle down, and Hope won the round clearly. Mattioli tried in vain

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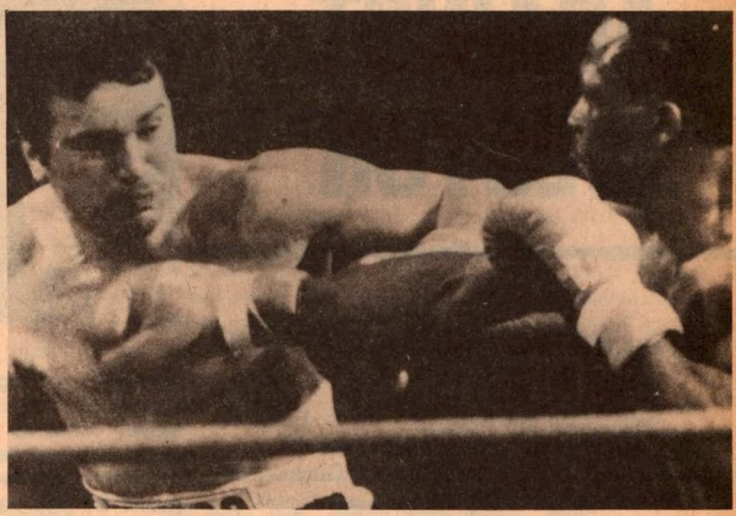
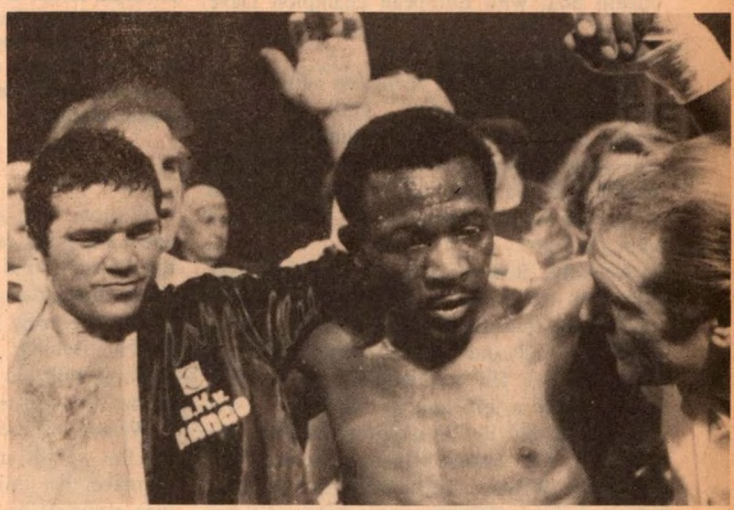
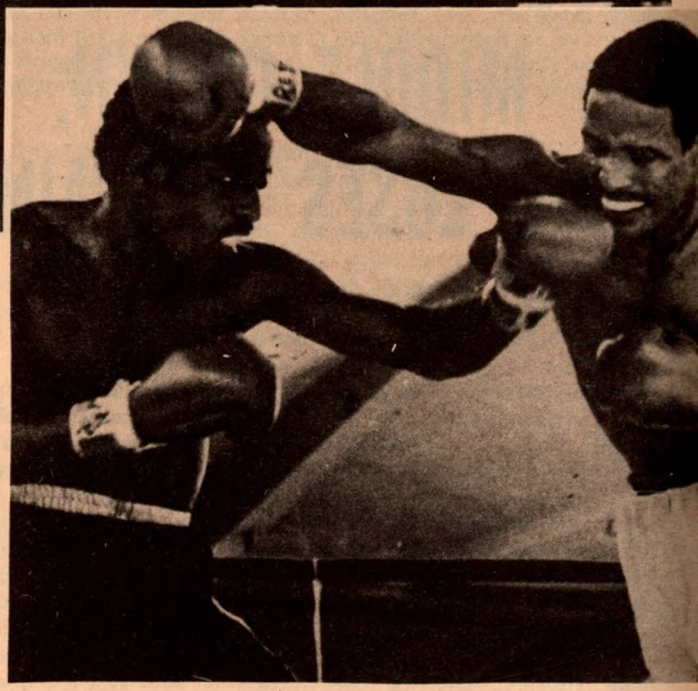




(Above) Hope has just landed a right to Mattioli's jaw. (Below) Hope raises his right arm in victory after stopping Mattioli at the end of eight rounds to win the WBC junior middleweight title.

BENITEZ RETAINS WELTER TITLE AGAINST WESTON



(Above) Gregorio Peralta, Wilfred's father, smacks his son's face just before the start of the twelfth round. Benitez lost the first few rounds of the contest. (Right) Challenger Harold Weston, Jr. slips under a right cross and tags Benitez with a right. Benitez won unanimous decision and retained his welter diadem.

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

San Juan Puerto Rico — Wilfred Benitez, world welterweight champion, spurred on by the urging of his trainer-father, Gregorio Benitez, gained a fifteen-round unanimous decision over Harold Weston of New York to retain his crown.

The victory paved the way for a championship bout with European champion Dave "Boy" Green of England on May 26 at Monto Carlo.

The twenty-year-old champion admitted he felt "physically drained" until his father began urging him in the eleventh round. "I was some eighteen pounds over the limit five days before the fight and I had to work hard to get off the extra poundage." Benitez said after the fight.

Actually, Benitez turned a lacklustre performance into a victory after his father slapped him a few times before the start of the twelfth round and told him the fight was going badly. He responded by staggering Weston with a left-right combination. It was the second bid by Weston for the title. His first try was against Pipino Cuevas, who holds the WBA version of the title. Cuevas stopped Weston in the seventh round when Weston suffed a cut inside the mouth.

Neither fighter was in trouble throughout the fight, although Weston admitted he was hurt by Benitez's combo in the twelfth. The victory earned Benitez $140,000 and set his record at 36-0-1 and avenged the only mark on his official record, a draw against Weston at Madison Square Garden two years ago.

Weston, who got $40,000 in his title bid, opened a small cut over Benitez's left eye in the fourth round but could not land effectively thereafter against the elusive champ.

The blistering heat affected Weston more so than Benitez. By the fifth round he was fighting with his mouth wide open and later seemed to have trouble getting his breath.

Weston also admitted he had trouble making the weight and had to skip a few meals to make the limit. "I didn't think the heat was going to be that terrific," he said after the bout.

Weston's manager, Howard Albert, said he planned to move his warrior up to the junior middleweight class because of the trouble he was having making the 147-pound limit.

Weston said Benitez "clearly won the fight," but blamed the blistering sun and weight problems for slowing down his attack."

"The end for me started about the tenth round. I felt tired and tried unsuccessfully to put pressure on him when he looked tired too.

"His right hook shook me up in the twelfth round, but I knew what I was doing all through the fight," Weston added.

Until the 12th, Weston appeared to be successfully applying pressure through the early rounds, but conditioning proved the main factor through the late stages. Weston suffered a swollen left eye and a quarter inch cut began to open at the end of the fight.

Referee Richard Steele of Los Angeles scored the fight 149-138 for Benitez, The two judges had it closer. Wally Schmidt only gave the champ a 144-142 edge while Cesar Ramos had it 146-145.

JAMES SCOTT STOPS KATES

James Scott hoists his right arm in the air and puts his other arm around prison Superintendent Robert Hatrak after stopping Richie Kates in the tenth and last round of their bout in Rahway State Prison in New Jersey. Scott, a world-ranked light heavyweight, upped his record to 14-0-1.

By ART MAXIM

Rahway, N.J.—Comfortably ahead in the scoring, Rahway Prison inmate James Scott shouted at opponent Richie Kates just before the tenth round began. "C'mon, let's do it." And Scott did, forcing Kates to the ropes and pounding away until referee Paul Venti interceded at 1:32 of the round.

About thirty inmates in Rahway prison's boxing program were among the crowd of six hundred at the nationally televised fight from the prison auditorium. They watched Scott brush away blood from a cut on the top of his head and register his fourteenth win in fifteen professional fights (he has one draw) with a technical knockout.

The cut, originally sustained a month ago, was reopened in the second round and was bleeding profusely in the third. Dr. Ferdie Pacheco, former cornerman with Muhammad Ali, managed to control the bleeding between the third and fourth rounds.

Kates took the best Scott had to offer without changing expression but was nearly decked in the seventh round from a thirty-second barrage. He had the best of it in the third, when he almost floored Scott, and in the sixth, when Scott seemed to coast a bit.

Scott, thirty-one, is currently serving what prison officials call a "lengthy sentence" for violating parole. He staggered Kates (now 34-5) throughout the tenth with rights and lefts until referee Venti stopped the contest. He was ahead on Venti's card, 7-1-1, while judge Charles Spina had Scott ahead 5-3-1 and judge Harold Lederman had Scott ahead 7-2. The 176-pound Scott handled Kates with ease, although it did not appear he would make good on his pre-fight prediction to fellow inmates: That he would knock out Kates. Not until the tenth round.

In another bout, Reggie Jones of Newark retained his New Jer-

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OLIVO BEATS MADERA

By JESS HERNANDEZ

Houston, Texas—Springbeat Joey Olivo the twenty-year-old sensation from Los Angeles, copped the North American junior flyweight title with a unanimous twelve-round decision over outgamed Lupe Madera from Mexico at the Sam Houston Coliseum before 4,900 fans. Olivo, a skinny battler at 106 pounds on a 5-8 frame, was accidentally butted over the left eyebrow in the first round but gamely fought back to win the hearts of the Texas crowd and his first boxing championship. "Madera gave me a lost of trouble. He's short and he's strong. Getting cut on a head butt scared me into fighting better, though. I felt I was in control almost the entire fight," said Joey. The ring officials also saw Olivo winning the title bout easily, with referee Chris Jordan and Judge Mark Tessman scoring the fight for Olivo, 117-112 and Judge Bob Martin tabbing the winner 119-111. Olivo's best round was in the eighth, when a combination of left and righthands had Madera on the floor twice. "I really thought I was gonna put him away in the eighth," said Olivo. "But the ref picked him up after one knockdown." Referee Jordan insisted that the second knockdown was a slip. Unbeaten Joey Olivo upped his ring ledger to 21-0. "It was a very disappointing loss," remarked Madera. "Olivo is so tall, he ought to be a welterweight," he added. Joey is currently studying how to install alarm systems at UCLA trade school and hoping to get at world flyweight title shot at Miguel Canto of Mexico.

One of the best fights on the card that delighted the Texas throng

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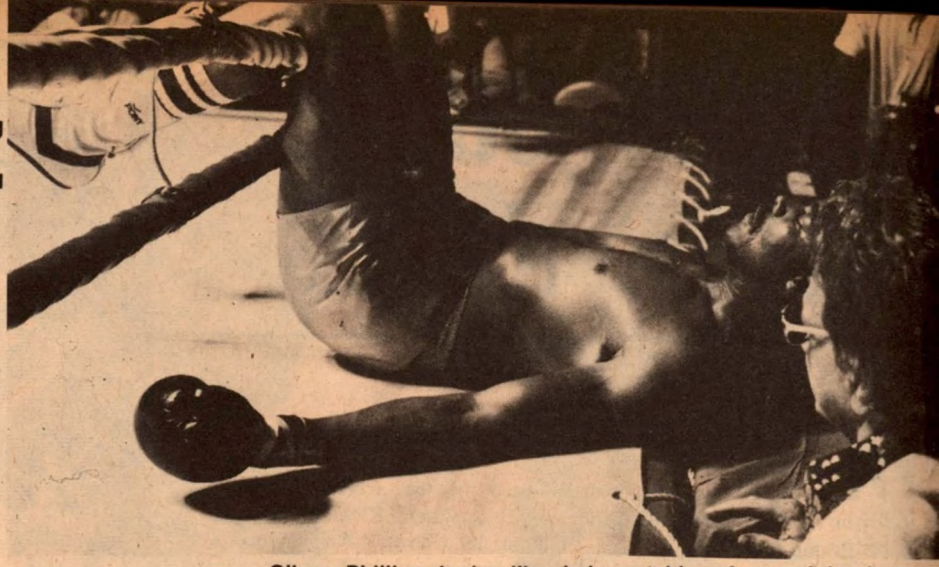
Joey Olivo, who won a unanimous twelve-round decision over Mexican Lupe Madera to win the North American junior flyweight title in Houston. Olivo is now 21-0 as a professional.

CASTILLO AND PEREZ WIN U.S. TITLES



Oliver Phillips looks like he's catching forty winks between rounds of his bout with U.S. heavyweight king Mike Weaver. Weaver knocked him out and into this position in the fourth round of their scheduled twelve-rounder in Las Vegas.

By JOHN ORT

Las Vegas and Reno were sites for three U.S. championship bouts. Rocky Mosley, Jr. retained his junior middle title and two new champions were crown. Nicky Perez won the new junior featherweight title and Reuben Castillo gained the vacant featherweight championship.

Rocky Mosley, Jr. defended his junior middleweight crown with a one round knockout over Dallas, Texas number three rated Sugar Ray Phillips at the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas.

Mosley, 154, went into the bout an under-dog. This was a real blow to the local hero. Phillips had talked a good fight in the papers early in the week and stated the bout would end with him knocking Rocky out.

Well, Ray had the ending right. The bout ended at 1:19 of the first round but Phillips was on the wrong end of the result.

Ray came out like a tiger and scored with a lead right to the forehead of Mosley at the beginning of the round. If the punch was lower, he might have scored the knockout he was talking about, but it was not to be.

Rocky seemed to get mad and turned killer after Ray landed the right. Mosley tagged Phillips coming in with a left hook and then with a straight right to the chin, which put Ray on the floor for an eight count.

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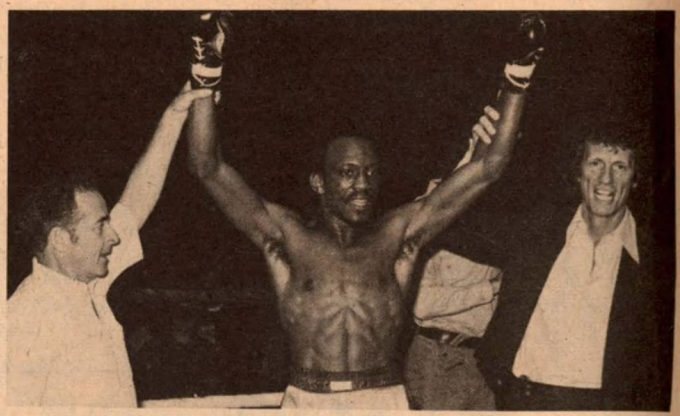
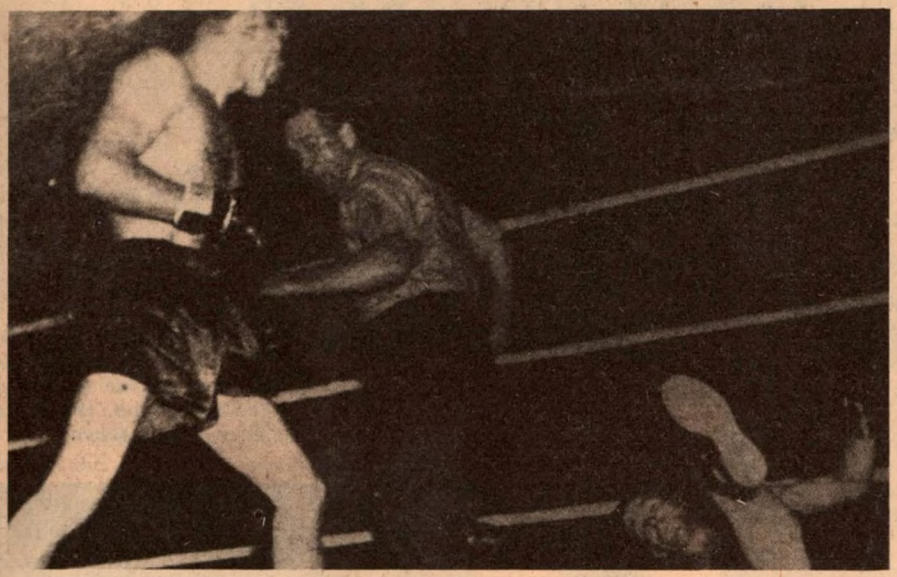


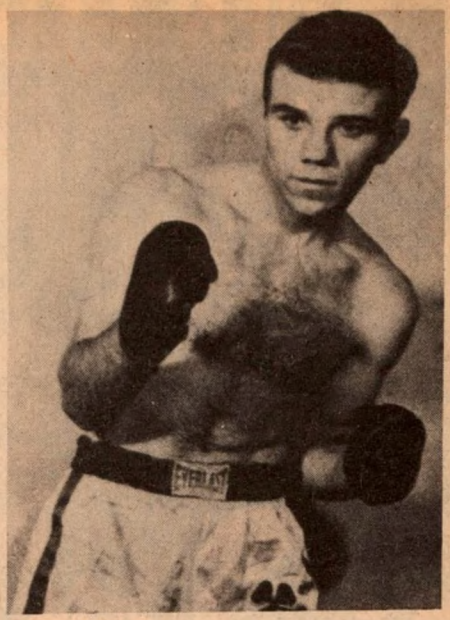
Rocky Mosley, Jr., wearing Jimmy Jackson's trunks, has his arms raised by the referee and by promoter Tony Trudnick. Rocky retained his U.S. junior middleweight title for the second time by knocking out Ray Phillips at 1:19 of the first. This was on the same card as the Weaver fight.

Ring announcer Jimmy Lennon has the microphone and Reuben Castillo has the trophy. He won it by kayoing Warren Matthews in the seventh for the U.S. featherweight title. This was on the same card as the Perez-Flores bout.

Undefeated Nicky Perez and his manager, Beto Martinez, hoist their U.S. junior featherweight title trophy high. Perez won it with a unanimous twelve-round decision over tough Javier Flores.

GLEN FLANAGAN PASSES ON





(Above) Glen Flanagan, former world rated featherweight out of St. Paul Minnesota who compiled a pro record of 85-23-13 with thirty-four knockouts. (Left) Flanagan kayoes Jackie Graves in the third round in Minneapolis, November 10, 1949.

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

St. Paul, Minn.—If you were one of the regular television fight fans back in the fifties, the name Glen Flanagan should be a familiar one. He and his brother Del were both regulars on the tube, and both were responsible for boxing returning on a major scale to their hometown of St. Paul.

While vacationing in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico Flanagan died of a heart attack on January 28, 1979; he was fifty-two years old at the time of his death, and is survived by his wife and six children, as well as four brothers and three sisters.

Born on November 16, 1926, Flanagan became an amateur boxer in the late forties, and had a 62-12 record as a simon pure. As a member of the U.S. Navy, he won forty-four straight. Flanagan turned professional on October 18, 1946 with a four-round decision over Emmett Yanez in Minneapolis. Before retiring in 1960, he put together a pro record of 85-23-13, scoring thirty-four knockouts. He was stopped only once in his career, that on cuts to Danny Martin in the second round on May 14, 1947 in Minneapolis.

In his fifth pro fight, Flanagan knocked out Billy Zieman in the first round on January 9, 1947. It took Glen only eighteen seconds to accomplish the kayo, and although the record books don't include the fast knockout, it did happen.

It wasn't long before Glen was a main eventer, and was matched with arch rival Jackie Graves, who was a big puncher and had ruled Minnesota boxing for years. The date was October 13, 1949, and 6,500 fans turned out in Minneapolis to see the grudge match. At the end of ten rounds, Graves got the decision. A month later, in a rematch, Flanagan knocked out Graves in the third round. He was on his way.

In the January, 1950 issue of *The Ring*, Glen Flanagan's name appeared in the top ten of the featherweight division for the first time. The highest ranking he was to receive was number three, and it led to a sort of title fight. On August 25, 1952, in Boston, Flanagan lost a fifteen-round decision to Tommy Collins for the NBA Interim Featherweight championship. Sandy Saddler, the titleholder, was in the service at the time, and the NBA wanted a champion. A turnout of 11,177 paid a gate of $31,212., to see Collins win a close decision over Flanagan.

Flanagan was as durable as they come and was fearless in the heat of combat, so he became a favorite of television viewers, appearing eight times. He only won twice, over top rated Gene Smith (Smith's first defeat), and over Charley Riley, but Flanagan was always in a good fight.

His managers, over his career, were Earl Kane, Andy Skaff, Leo Ryan and Gene Connelly, and Pinkie George. Twice, Flanagan managed himself. Through the years he competed as a feather, light, and welterweight, holding the Minnesota title in all three divisions.

Following a ten-round decision over Bobby Bickle in Kansas City on December 18, 1956, Glen hung up his gloves to devote himself to business. At the time he said, "I've always tried to be a credit to boxing. And I feel that includes knowing when to start, and when to quit." But in early 1960, he was back in the ring. After three bouts, he retired for good after a ten-round draw with Kid Javellana in Fresno on April 12, 1960.

Along the line, Flanagan defeated the likes of Charley Riley (twice), Jackie Graves (twice), Lauro Salas, Harry LaSane, Lenny Alvarez, Gene Smith, Diego Sosa, Joey Clemo, Boland Abrams, and "Whistling" Willie Roach, all well known names of the times. He lost, all by decision, to boxers such as Ray Famechon, Tommy

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GOLDEN GLOVES THRILL GARDEN AUDIENCE

Referee Dick McGuire motions Ronald Huston to a neutral corner as Thomas Clohessy lies on the canvas. Huston stopped Clohessy at 0:37 of the first round to win the 175-pound open title (Photograph by Farrell, News)

Michael Maloney sends Harry Keith to the deck in their heavyweight sub-novice bout. A right hand did the trick. Maloney won the heavyweight sub-novice title when the fight was stopped at 0:45 of the first round. (Photograph by Riehl, News)

By HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

New York City, N.Y.—It was the usual parade of future champions, future world contenders, and kids who probably will pack it in. Seeing those champions of tomorrow emerge is always part of the drama of the Golden Gloves, and the 53rd annual New York Gloves was no exception.

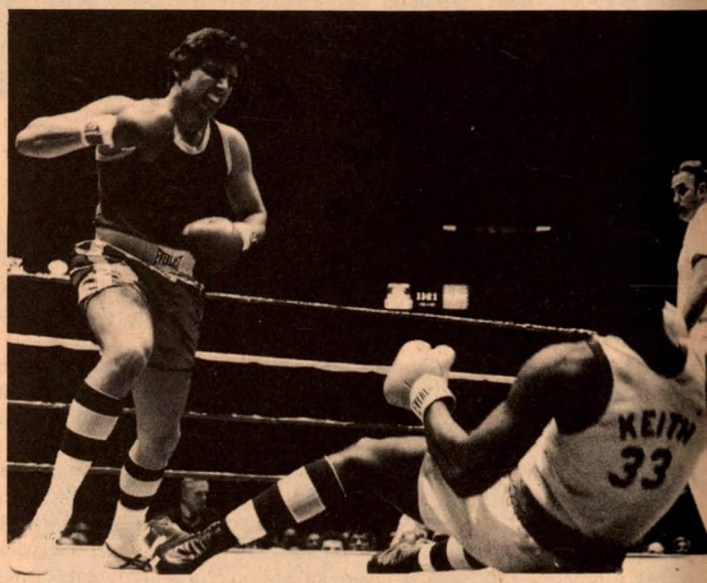
18,687 people jammed Madison Square Garden to see the finals—eighteen matchups in nine different weight classes. As most of you know, the Gloves is divided into two groupings—the "sub novices"—those who've never been in tournaments before—and the open class. Those in the open class are, in many cases, thinking of such things as the Olympics—or the pros.

One of those who must be giving thought to turning pro is David Moore of the Morrisania Youth Center, who became the fourth boxer to win four New York GG titles when he clearly outpointed Simon Ramos, unattached, for the 147-pound open title. Moore, a stylish boxer, had won the 135-pound sub novice crown in 1976, and the 147-pound open in 1977 and 1978. He's still only nineteen, however, and the possibility of his representing the U.S. in the Olympics Games of 1980 is there.

The last boxer to win four New York GG titles was Howard Davis, Jr., who, of course, went on to win a gold medal at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal. Coincidentally (?), another man to turn to trick, Vince Shomo, refereed the Moore-Simon Ramos fight.

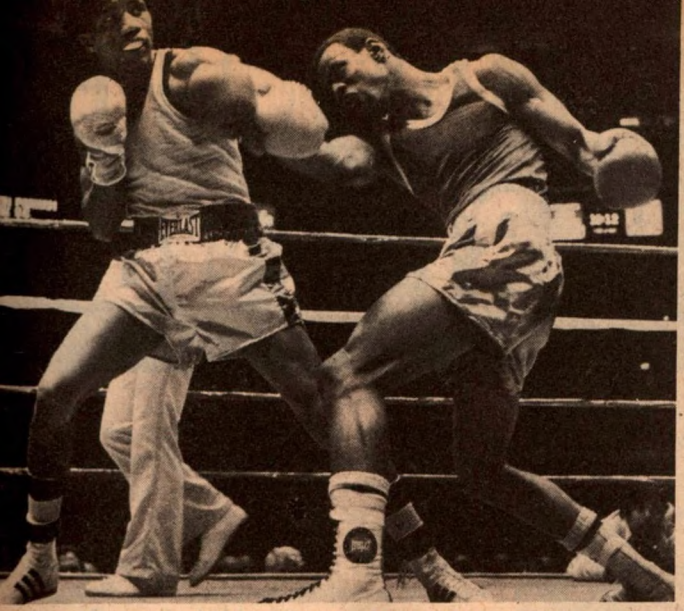
While most of the attention must be focused on the open competition, one young man in the sub novice class really caught my eye. That was Jorge Vasquez, unattached, an eighteen-year-old sophomore at Brandeis High School. He won the 118-pound title by shellacking Jorge Calderon of the Spartan Athletic Club until referre Al LoBianco stopped the contest at 1:11 of the third. Vasquez, who had Calderon bleeding like a stuck pig, has a vicious left hook. That boy bears watching.

In the heavyweight sub-novice class, nineteen-year-old Michael Maloney of the Suffolk County Police Athletic League took some good shots from Harry Keith of the Spartan Athletic Club. Then:

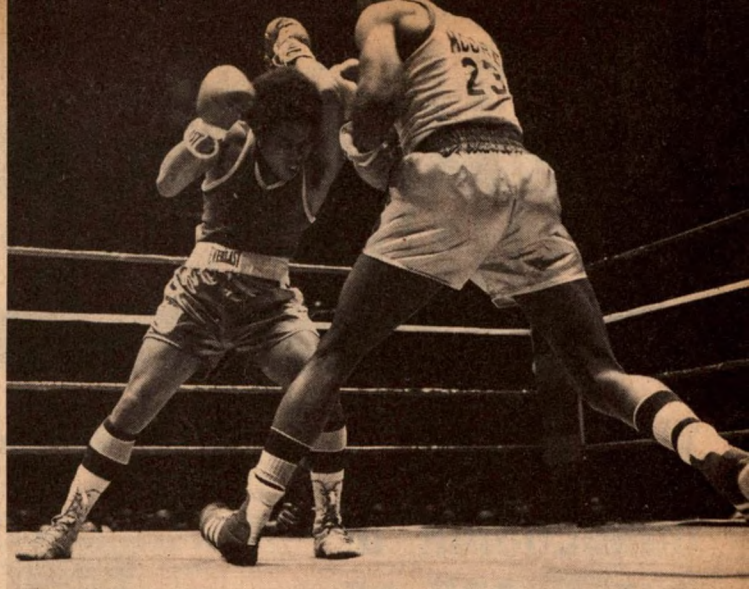


Bang! A tremendous right from Maloney put Keith out of it at 0:45 of the first round. A big punch saved the day for Michael, but the danger of relying on tremendous roundhouse punches once you've landed in the open class was displayed by popular Ralph Fucci. His tremendous right had scored two kayoes in the tournament, but in the finals, he met tall, experienced Mitchell Green, a professional looking twenty-two year old who had won the heavyweight sub novice title in 1976 and the heavyweight open and intercity championships in 1977. Mitchell easily slipped Ralph's telegraphed punches and counterpunched with blistering socks of his own. Two standing eight counts were delivered by referee Dick McGuire. Then Green caught Fucci with another volley. Blood was pouring down Ralph's face; he had taken a tremendous beating. Finally, at 1:50 of the first round, McGuire halted the contest. Green, unless he's thinking of next years' Olympics, should turn pro. He's got the stuff to do it, and he's smart.

In other fights, Israel Ortiz staged a last round rally to shade Edwin Medina for the sub novice 106-pound crown. Extremely



Tony Santana and Martin Parham battled for the 135-pound open crown. Parham, right, of the Empire Sporting Club, won the decision. (Photograph by Riehl, News)



David Moore, of the Morrisania Youth Center, won his fourth New York Gloves title by outpointing Simon Ramos for the 147-pound open crown. (Photograph by Casale, News)

close. In the 106-pound open, Gregory Vicenty, a polished looking eighteen-year-old from the Fort Apache Boxing Club, won a squeaker decision over taller Mike Rosario. Rosario opened a cut near Vicenty's eye in the first round, probably, as Greg admitted to his corner, from a butt. There was a swelling on Vicenty's right cheek by the end of the second round, but he survived Mike's wrestling and low blows in the third to gain a close decision.

Edward Smith, Castle Hill Athletic Club, showed good form in the first round of his sub novice flyweight bout with Benjamin Satiago of the Fort Spache Club. Ben, a strong hitter, came storming back to take the second round, however. The ref stopped the bout, rather unnecessarily, in my opinion, after Smith went sailing across the ring in the third round. He did not appear to have been hurt, and protested the stoppage rather bitterly. Time: 1:57 of the round.

In the flyweight open, Kenneth Mitchell, a muscular nineteen-year-old from the Bronx, made good use of a left to the body to beat Andres Tena of the Police Athletic League's Lynch Center. Tena was warned for holding in the third.

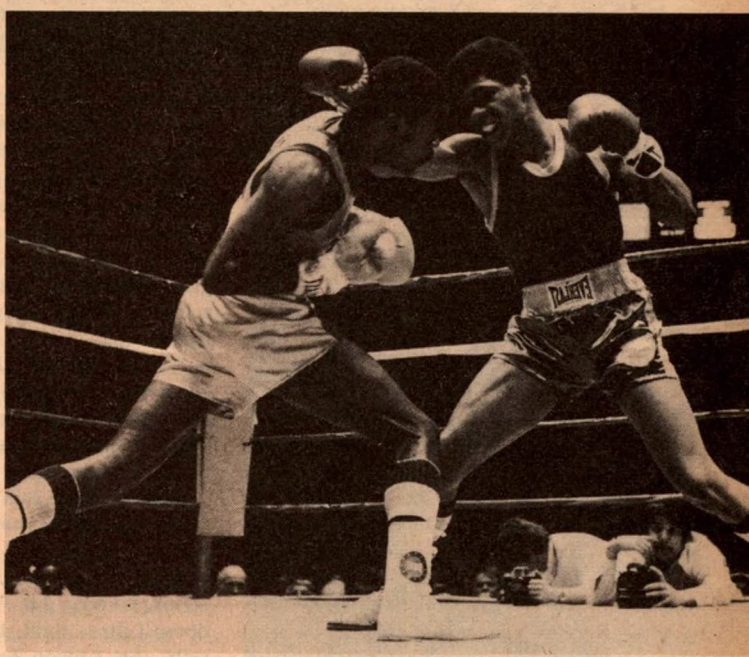
Hector Camacho, a very slick boxer, beat Paul DeVorce to the punch continually, and won a clear decision to take the 118-pound open competition. Steven Boyd, of the PAL Howard Houses Center, who works as a cashier, knocked Efraim Escobar's mouthpiece out in the first round, again, in the second, and forced referee Marcel Haigy to give Escobar three standing eight-counts before halting the contest at 1:45 of the third round. Boyd thus won the 126-pound sub novice crown with two kayoes and three decisions. Five bouts for one boxer are unusual in today's tournaments. In the early thirties, however, seven bouts were not uncommon.

In the featherweight open, Roberto Vinas of the Solar Sporting Club took advantage of Angel Hernandez's posing and won an easy decision. Vinas is but seventeen, a sophomore of Eli Whitney High School. In the lightweight sub novice fight, Jesus Serrano was an easy winner over Frank Stambaugh.

Tony Santana held continually, and Martin Parham of the Empire Sporting Club won an easy decision and the lightweight open crown. Santana went down in the first, but referee Ken Suhovsky called it a slip.

In the welterweight sub novice, Ronald Bell of the United Block Association had things pretty much his way until Jose Martinez, of the Izzy Zerling Youth Center, uncorked a left that put Bell on Queer Street. Time: 0:53 of the third round.

In the 160-pound sub novice bout, Leon Taylor of the Spartan Athletic Club had little trouble from Anthony Hatcher, Castle Hill Athletic Club, until the third round. The last ditch effort wasn't enough for Hatcher. Taylor won on points and there was no pro-



Steven Boyd, PAL, right, won the sub-novice feather crown by halting Efraim Escobar, La Sombra Sporting Club, at 1:45 of the third round. (Photograph by Riehl, News)

test. In the middleweight open, Alex Ramos won handily from Noel Tucker on points.

Tony Grillo of the Times Square Athletic Club, just sixteen, was to have met Jerry Moody of the New York City Recreation Department's Lost Battalion Hall for the 175-pound sub-novice title. An injured ankle kept Grillo from competing, however, and Moody won by default.

Ronald Huston, Times Square Athletic Club, swarmed all over Thomas Clohessy of the Police Athletic League's 123rd precinct center and stopped him with a tremendous right. Clohessy went down, got up, and Huston was on top of him again. Referee Dick McGuire stopped the contest at 0:37 of the first. Huston winning the lightheavy open.

The winners will have met the Chicago Golden Gloves Champions in Madison Square Garden by the time this magazine is on the stands. From the looks of some of these boys, that Loop team had

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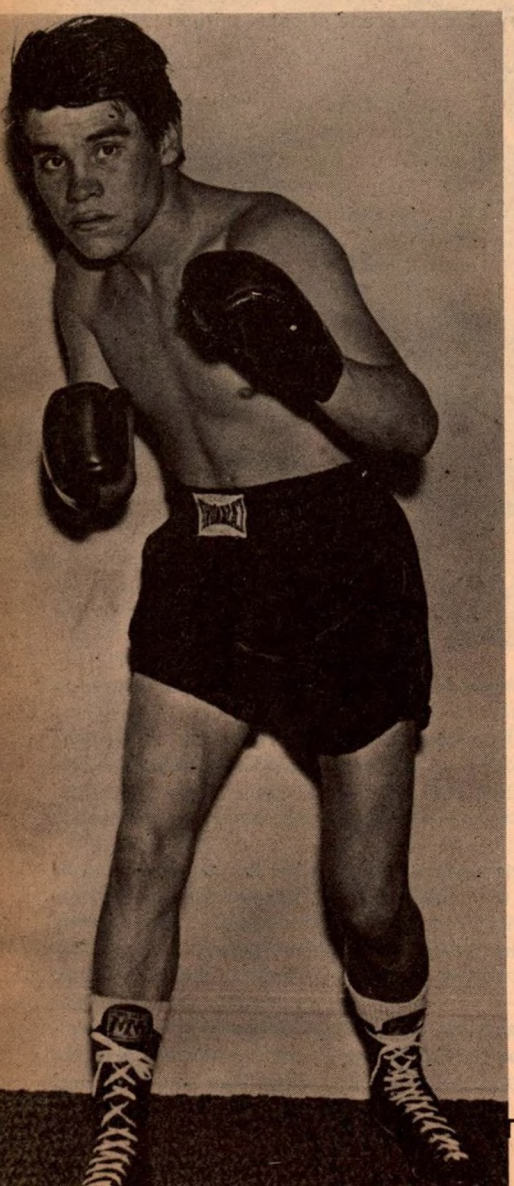
HISTORY OF THE OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM, PART TWO

THIS IS THE CONCLUSION OF THE STORY OF THE OLYMPIC IN LOS ANGELES



Ruben Olivares, former world bantamweight champion, who was one of the great drawing cards in the Olympic's history.

By ROBERT MOSS

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August 15th and Patterson's unbeaten challenger, Roy Harris, from Cut and Shoot, Texas, was no longer unbeaten. The take for the match came to $234,183. But a couple of weeks later, the fight, which Aragon today calls "his toughest," took in $236,521 and the five big ones passed from the hands of Sid Ziff, then sports editor of the *Daily Mirror*, who had been asked to hold the stake, to Mrs. Eaton, to the hospital. The fight with Basilio, which was carried on nation-wide television, was another in which nobody booed the Golden Boy, who was at the time a mature thirty-one years of age. He showed great courage in taking a fearful battering from the ex-champ, and went out of the ring in the last of his big fights, a hero. He announced his retirement in early 1960. Some years later, there was a great flap over a fight that Aragon was being accused of throwing much earlier in his career.

"When all the furor was being made about that," recalled Aragon, "there were a lot of people who were great friends of mine when I was fighting who suddenly didn't know me anymore".

One unlikely individual, however, didn't mind having his name linked with that of Art's.

"Only one guy came forward. He said, 'Look I know Art Aragon. He's a bum, he doesn't dress right, he doesn't comb his hair right. Art Aragon does everything wrong except one thing. He's honest. He wouldn't have anything to do with a fix'.

"The guy who stuck up for me was Lauro Salas".

Aragon's name was soon cleared. His friends returned. He went into the bail bond business because, "I wanted to give back some money for all the times I was arrested". Today, unlike many fighters whose celebrity only lasts during the time they are in the ring—Aragon is almost as well known as during his fighting days. He and Salas, who lives in Chicago, remain close friends.

"What's Lauro Salas doing these days?" Aragon is asked.

"Oh about five to ten", comes the inevitable one-liner and then a laugh and confession that Salas is "just fine".

The history of L.A. boxing can be divided into the period of Aragon, Salas, Bolanos, and tough fighters like Mario Trigo, Tommy Campbell, Harold Dade, Fabela Chavez, Baby Face Gutierrez and so many more who battled each other in the Olympic Ring and made the fifties the Golden Age of Boxing; and the fights and fighters that came afterward at a time when the sport was dying over much of the country, yet flourished in Los Angeles, which became virtually the fight capitol of America.

The rise of Becerra reached its peak simultaneously with two bold moves on the part of the Eatons. The first found them becoming the first tenants of the Sports Arena, which opened in 1959. The first attraction in that mammoth arena was a card featuring bantamweight champion Slphonse Halimi of Algiers, and Becerra, who knocked him out in the eighth round. A year later, Jose was again the feature attraction of another big program, this time put in on the massive Coliseum, the first time fights had ever been held there. To ensure a big crowd, another Mexican idol, Battling Torres, was put on the card to challenge for the crown in a division, the junior welterweight, which might have been created especially for the event. Torres was knocked out by the hybrid division's champ, Carlos Ortiz, but Becerra did his thing and tromped poor Halimi again to insure most of the 31,830 spectators departing cheerfully. Not as happy as the Eatons though. The $383,080 gross surpassed the Aragon/Basilio take and stood as a California gate record for thirteen years. If it had not been before, boxing in Los Angeles had now definitely reached the "big-time" stage.

The same year, Sugar Ray Robinson, age forty, made his next-to-last championship appearance in a bout at the Sports Arena. The opponent was N.B.A. middleweight king Gene Fullmer, who had been knocked out by Robinson in 1956. Fullmer, a rugged, no frills guy from West Jordan, Utah, went at Robinson one hand held high to prevent another knockout, and virtually made a home in Ray's mid-section. But Robinson fought a brilliant fight, often looking like the man who had often been called, "pound-for-

pound," the best in history. When the fight ended, Robinson's people were jubilant. It seemed certain he had won. But when the decision was announced, it was a draw. After the fight, Robinson was dragged toward the dressing room by two handlers, his feet sliding along the floor as they pulled him, only half conscious, along. It took only a glance to see the punishment he had absorbed. Around his mid-section, his normally dark brown skin had turned a dull pink from the pounding. Something died in the Sugar Man after that decision. When he fought Fullmer again, in 1961 in Las Vegas, Gene beat him easily.

Another great fighter made his mark on Los Angeles at this time. Cassius Clay, only a couple of years removed from the Rome Olympics, where he had won the gold medal in the light heavyweight division, was matched with journeyman heavyweight George Logan for his thirteenth pro fight.

Los Angeles should be dear to the champ's heart, since his two most important fights were here. The Archie Moore fight, which gave him the status of a serious contender, and the one with Ken Norton, eleven years later, which kept his comeback alive and led to Zaire and George Foreman.

Though he was not taken very seriously until he beat Liston, Clay was something startingly different in the somewhat staid world of boxing and his antics gave it a jolt at a time when it most needed it. In 1963, the Eatons promoted a card in Dodger Stadium which featured three championship bouts. In one of them, Davey Moore absorbed a savage beating and, soon after, died as a result. Another participant, Emille Griffith, a year earlier had virtually killed a man in the ring. The Griffith-Paret spectacle was witnessed across the country on television, and, when Moore also died following the prestigious Dodger Stadium event, the cry to abolish the sport was louder than at any time in recent history. Then along came Clay to provide a fresh breeze in the sport's darkest hour. As a result, for the first time since the old Vernon days, the city's focus centered on the heavyweights. A championship caliber Mexican National heavyweight could not be found though it is common knowledge that, if such a fighter ever surfaces, he could fill the Coliseum with supporters. Clay, or as he became after the Liston fight, Muhammad Ali, never defended his championship in Los Angeles. But his successor, Joe Frazier, was enticed here in 1966, the year Cal Eaton died, and so was Foreman. Both racked up triumphs at the Olympic on their way to the heavyweight title. And if the super Mexican heavy could not be found, a local big guy was and the Olympic and he realized many bucks in forwarding his career.

Jerry Quarry was the 1965 Golden Gloves champion and, in May, he turned pro and began to work his way through the usual assortment of set-ups and has-beens that the handlers of most promising prospects always manage to find for thier charges. But in

The Olympic continues to make boxing history. It is the scene of some of the most important fistic action in southern California.

1966, someone who had been assumed a "has been" went in with Quarry and turned out to be a "still is."

Eddie Machen was at his peak in the fifties and some thought Patterson ducked him during Floyd's championship reign. Though his skills had somewhat deteriorated, Machen staged a comeback in the sixties and was good enough to decision Quarry, Machen, fighting out of L.A., now seemed about to achieve his long-time goal, a championship match. To test him, Joe Frazier was brought to town and that ended Eddie's hopes.

Quarry meanwhile, for the first of several times during his career, contemplated retirement after losing to Machen. He was twenty-one at the time. He changed his mind, however, and was able to parlay his skills into a lucrative career which included two shots at the title. He was so well thought of locally that Mrs. Eaton chose him as the centerpiece for one of her Coliseum extravaganzas. In 1967, he won a thin decision from Patterson in an elimination to determine a successor to Ali's title, following Muhammad's chastisement for refusing to fight, "them Viet Cong."

Quarry's victory eventually brought him to the finals of the "best after Ali" festival. Jerry, who now is employed as an expert commentator on boxing strategy by CBS, was outfinessed by boxer Jimmy Ellis in his first turn at the title, and, a few years later, when he elected to slug the champion Joe Frazier (who Jim Murray once predicted "would fight an organgutan in a phonebooth if the money were right") in his second title bid, he was predictably hammered. Quarry also obtained a bit of fame in 1970. When Ali was finally forgiven his indiscretions and started his comeback, it was Jerry he chose as the person to start it and almost get his eye put out.

In the late 60's, a new trend emerged. For the first time since the demise of the old Hollywood Legion Stadium, the Olympic no longer had a corner on all the big time fights. This was accomplished when Don Fraser, who had come to the Olympic as head publicist, left there and went into the promotion business himself. Using the same formula as Mrs. Eaton, building big fight cards around highly regarded Mexican Nationals, he was soon chalking up some big grosses himself. Fraser also had exclusive use of the new Forum in Inglewood, which could seat 18,700. The center of indoor sports activity in L.A. had shifted to the new arena almost as soon as it was built. The pro basketball Lakers moved there from the Sports Arena and, when the Kings became a member of the National Hockey League in the early 70s, that team also played in the Forum. Fraser's main drawing card was Ruben Olivares, a bantamweight. He was to become the greatest money maker in the city's history, topping Aragon in that regard and rivaling Bolanos in the fanatic loyalty of his fans.

With Mrs. Eaton concentrating on the heavyweights through the sixties, Ruben and a string of other little fellows almost went to Fraser and the Forum by default. Not since Becerra had retired in 1962 with the championship had a bantamweight made such an

impact. Olivares came to L.A. with a phenomenal string of victories, only two not registered by knockout. When he won the title from Lionel Rose of Australia it was the Forum that benefited to the tune of $35-8,145, just a tad short of the Olympic's 1960 Coliseum extravaganza gross. Then, unexpectedly, Olivares lost his crown to another national, Chucho Castillo. Their three fight series had the coffers of the new club bulging with loot and everyone knew that the little fellows were a gold mine.

The switch of interest from the Olympic had been stimulated by an incident that occurred there in 1964. A main event matched a Mexican, Efren Torres, and Hiroyuki Ebihara, a Japanese. The Mexican lost a close split decision and a riot followed with Torres fans in the balcony ripping up or setting fire to seats, signs, plumbing, anything they could get their hands on.

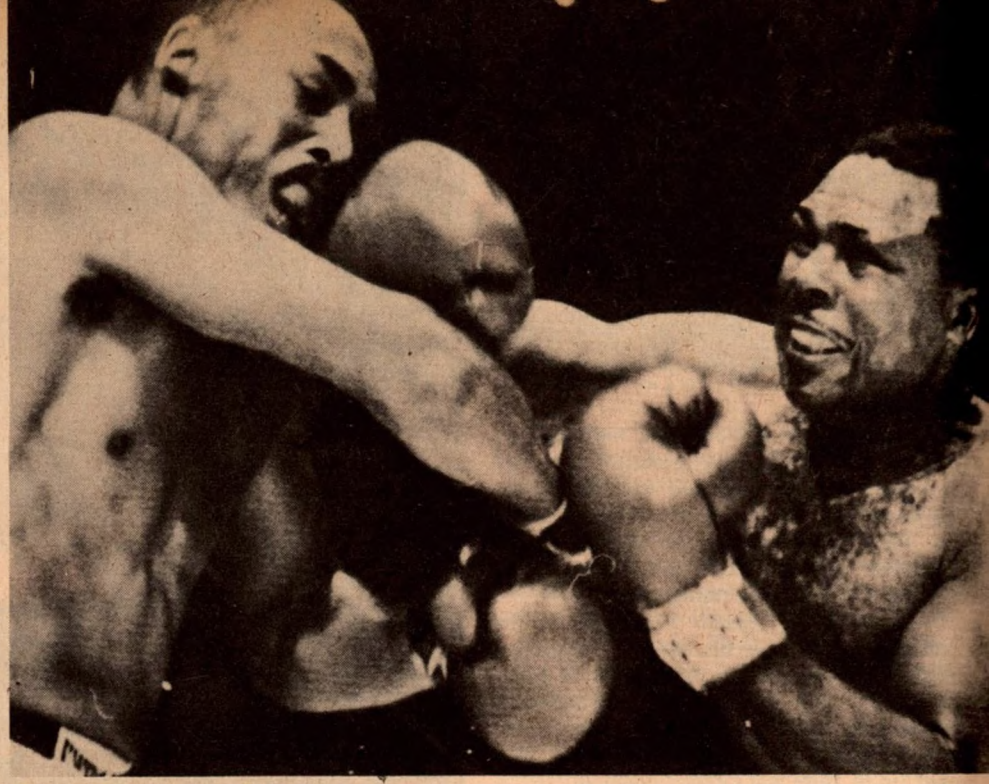
A man who years before had attended the Olympic to see the basketball games there, and who had worked across from the arena since 1945, recalled the night.

"I guess about one hundred cops came storming into the building when things started to get out of hand, and pretty soon they were dragging people out of there. Then they started bringing out the spectators. They made them leave the building single-file, one at a time. I'll never forget it. After that, there's nothing you could do to get me in there."

Over a period of six months, it took the Olympic $150,000 to refurbish the arena. Gate receipts for the year were at an all-time low. Worse, it reinforced the view that the area around the Olympic was deteriorating, and the arena might not be the safest place to be anymore.

Ironically, in 1975, a decision went against Olivares in a championship fight at the Forum and a mini-riot developed with enraged fans hurling bottles and other objects from the galleries.

But wherever the fights were held, the same story repeated itself. A comer would first appear in four-round preliminaries. If he won these he was promoted to six or eight-rounders and finally a ten-round main or semi-main event. If he kept winning, and especially if his style made him popular with the fans, he would be matched with another phenom in a High stakes elimination proceedure that might untimately lead to a fight for the championship. A couple of examples of this were Raul Rojas and Mando Ramos. They were at one time stablemates, working out of the same gym with the same manager and handlers. Rojas made his splash first, progressing quickly from the preliminary stage. In 1964, the year of the riot, he built quite a following, winning eight times at the Olympic. By 1965, he was thought highly enough of to be the feature of one of the Coliseum shows, though he failed in his bid for a championship. The same year, Ramos, his sparring partner, turned pro. By 1967, both were big attractions, particularly Rojas, who won both the junior lightweight and



World light heavyweight champion Archie Moore smashes an overhand right to the jaw of challenger Tony Anthony in the opening round of their bout at the Olympic. Moore retained his title with a seventh round kayo, September 20, 1957.

featherweight titles in bouts at the Olympic.

In 1968, Ramos had progressed well beyond the status of a sparring partner. The one-time stablemates were now on their own. Rojas lost his championship. On the same card, in the Coliseum, Ramos missed in a bid for the lightweight crown. The next year, at the Sports Arena, Ramos became the youngest lightweight champ in history as he knocked out the man who had defeated him the year before. At the Olympic, Rojas suffered some more reverses. He had gained weight and now was fighting as a lightweight. He lost to Sugar Ramos in 1970, who as a featherweight was the victor in the unfortunate bout with Davey Moore in Dodger Stadium. Mando Ramos lost his championship. Toward the end of the year, Ramos and Rojas, the two ex-champions, now described as bitter enemies, were matched at the Olympic. After a savage battle, Rojas was knocked out. It was one of his last fights.

In 1971, Ramos was in line for a title shot but came up ailing, and young Ruben Navarro who had beaten Rojas the year before, was brought in as a substitute. He lost a decision at the Sports Arena. Ramos beat Navarro to win a bid for a chance at the title, which, in 1972 he regained—only to have it taken away from him on a technicality. Meanwhile, word comes that Rojas had been "bumming around".

The same year, Danny Lopez, the brother of Ernie, twice unsuccessful as a contender for the welterweight crown, and Tury Pineda were sensations as they ripped through opponent after opponent. Ramos finally regained the title, though he had to travel all the way to Spain to do it. Lopez and Pineda, the young sensations, were matched at the Olympic. A fantastic gate of $94,392 was raised and matchmaker Don Chargin was looked upon as a miracle worker. The two youngsters slugged each other for four rounds before a capacity crowd before Pineda was knocked out. Ramos, a champion again, was rumored not to be taking his coming Coliseum defense against Chango Carmona seriously enough. Carmona won and went off to Accapulco for a long celebration. He was defeated in his first defense.

Ramos, on the comeback trail, was knocked out at the Olympic. He returned to Spain to marry a girl he met there. He fought in Spain, in Vienna, in Germany and finally returned to the U.S. The girl was gone. The enormous amounts of money he earned fighting had dwindled away. In October of 1975, at twenty-five, he was knocked out in Las Vegas by a journeyman fighter.

Luis Magana loves to talk about the fighters he has known. He will whip out old programs, scrap books. A name is mentioned and Luis will tell you what that individual is doing. Manuel Ortiz? "Dead," Luis says softly. How about Bolanos? "Why, Enrique is working right here in town. Got a good job. Just saw him the other day," and Luis rattles off the address as if it is his own. Lauro Salas is in Chicago. Everyone knows about Aragon. Then the names of Raul Rojas and Meno Ramos are mentioned. Luis just shakes his head. And that brings us, almost, to the present.

Days after the big "Night of Champions," the writer inspects the Olympic. He was not around in 1925, and saw his first fight there about fifteen years ago but does not remember much about it except two flashing figures moving about in the cube of light cast from overhead. That and the roar of the crowd, swelling, then dying away and finally rising to a crescendo when one of the men is hurt and the other is about to put him away.

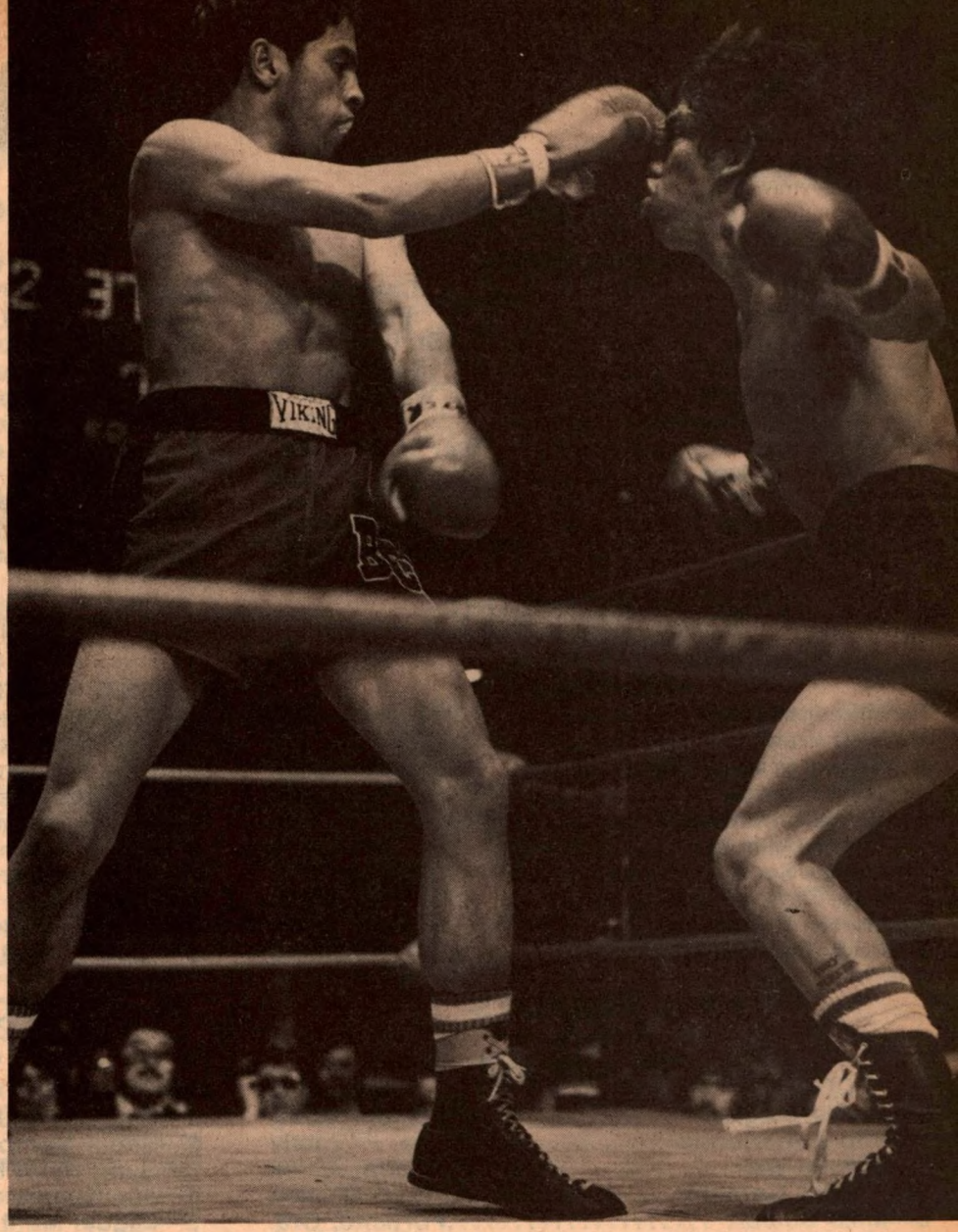
But this afternoon there is only silence and the realization that the building is very old. It is musty inside. There is no way to describe it. The ventilator fans have long since done their job but something remains, a feeling that the huge rotating blades can never banish. Some workmen are present and their conversation is the only thing to disturb the quiet. At ringside, the chairs are the contour type, made of some composition material. The seats at the Olympic ringside used to be of plush theatre variety. These are further back, their sides bearing the ornate scrolls and flourishes that identify theatre furniture from another age. At some point in time, the different priced seating has been identified by covering the entire chair, seat and everything, with a bold coat of paint, orange for one section, blue for another. The effect is garish. Even the bright paint seems to be wearing in spots.

The seating in the lower balcony is not painted. The pull-down chairs are reminiscent of those used in college lecture halls. Several rows up, these are replaced by benches running the width of the section and with another piece of wood above and at an angle to form a crude back rest. The seating is designated by metal rods placed between the two pieces of wood at intervals, the width of a person's body. Nothing is painted up here. At the topmost level of the balcony, the seating is no more than one long reinforced plank with numbers painted along it. Looking down from here the ring is a distant square below a bank of lights wrapped in fading red, white, and blue bunting.

In the lobby, huge portraits of fighters and wrestlers are hung. The most recent seems to be Mando Ramos, posing on the wall in bright colored trunks. Most of the paintings are of old-timers. An enormous portrait of Jack Dempsey in a thick gold frame guards the entrance to the ladies' room. Along a wall there is a large rendering of Tony Canzoneri stepping off a train to be welcomed to L.A. by the Olympic's promoter of a far-off time, Tom Gallery. Next to it, the likeness' of wrestlers Jim Londos, Sandor Szabo, and Joe Savoldi strain in frozen exertion.

The remains of Italian Renaisance marble can still be seen. On the steps and the floor of the foyer. A tasteful inlaid pattern is faded but still evident on the floor, one reminder of what 1925 was like.

Upstairs, past rows of circular steps, on the second floor of the Olympic, telephone conversations can be dimly heard along with the staccato clicking of typewriter keys. The work of the Olympic goes on.



Bobby Chacon lands a right to the nose of Arturo Pineda on February 15, 1973. Chacon stopped Tury in the fifth round of their bout at the Olympic.

The program, days before, had been a marvelous one. The brilliant mix of current and future champions had provided a fascinating program. There was something for everyone, including Mrs. Eaton, who topped off her 25th Olympic anniversary by breaking Fraser's California gate record. Before the fight she was seen at ringside, dressed conservatively, her hair bright as it had been when she ran up the aisle in 1942.

The champions, Danny Lopez and Carlos Palomino, triumphed. The young flyweight who opened the card stretched his winning streak and thrilled his admirers with another knockout. The Mexican heavyweight who had been matched with the former represenative of the '76 Olympic team in the division lost, but looked somewhat impressive in the doing. Lopez was knocked down once by his challenger and was hit several times squarely on the head before he knocked out his tough rival. Some worry that Danny, who has a brilliant future, gets hit too much and that may harm his career. By the time the main event had ended and Palomino had had his hand raised after a difficult fight, the spectators were sated. They poured out of the building and into the street talking loudly of what they had seen.

There was one touching moment during the evening. Howard Davis, the Olympic champion had been matched with the veteran Tury Pineda. Tury had lost several times in the years after his fight with Danny Lopez. But no one expected him to take the one-sided beating that he did. Finally, after Pineda had been counted out, he rose shakily. He walked over to Jimmy Lennon, took the microphone from him and, turning his broken features to the crowd, announced that, at age twenty-five, he was retiring from the game.

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WORLD RATINGS

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MUHAMMAD ALI* ..... Chicago, Ill.
1—Larry Holmes** ..... Easton, Pa.
2—Leon Spinks ..... St. Louis, Mo.
3—Kallie Knoetze ..... South Africa
4—Earnie Shavers ..... Warren, Ohio
5—Alfredo Evangelista ..... Spain
6—Ken Norton ..... San Diego, Calif.
7—Gerrie Coetzee ..... South Africa
8—Mike Weaver† ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
9—Ossie Ocasio ..... Puerto Rico
10—John Tate ..... Knoxville, Tenn.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—Mike Rossman* ..... Turnersville, N.J.
2—Matt Franklin† ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez ..... Stockton, Calif.
4—John Conteh ..... England
5—Marvin Johnson** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
6—Victor Galindez ..... Argentina
7—James Scott ..... Rahway, N.J.
8—Mate Parlov ..... Yugoslavia
9—Marvin Camel ..... Butte, Mont.
10—Rudi Koopmans ..... Holland

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

HUGO CORRO ..... Argentina
1—Marvin Hagler† ..... Brockton, Mass.
2—Vito Antuofermo ..... Italy
3—Charlie Weir ..... South Africa
4—Marcos Geraldo ..... Mexico
5—Mike Colbert ..... Portland, Ore.
6—Alan Minter ..... England
7—Mustafa Hamsho ..... Syria
8—Rudy Robles ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Gert Steyn ..... South Africa
10—David Love ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MASASHI KUDO* ..... Japan
1—Ayub Kalule ..... Uganda
2—Maurice Hope** ..... England
3—Rocky Mosley, Jr.† ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
4—Tony Chiaverini ..... Kansas City, Mo.
5—Rocky Mattioli ..... Australia
6—Marijan Benes ..... Yugoslavia
7—Edgar Ross ..... Orlando, Fla.
8—Frank Wissenbach ..... Germany
9—Angel Espada ..... Puerto Rico
10—Alfredo Cabral ..... Argentina

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFRED BENITEZ** ..... Puerto Rico
1—Jose Cuevas* ..... Mexico
2—Ray Leonard ..... Palmer Park, Md.
3—Pete Ranzany† ..... Sacramento, Calif.
4—Thomas Hearns ..... Detroit, Mich.
5—Carlos Palomino ..... Mexico
6—David Green ..... England
7—Roberto Duran ..... Panama
8—Clyde Gray ..... Canada
9—Randy Shields ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Harold Weston ..... New York, N.Y.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO CERVANTES* ..... Colombia
1—Esteban DeJesus ..... Puerto Rico
2—Saoul Mamby ..... New York, N.Y.
3—Sang Hyun Kim** ..... South Korea
4—Joe Kimpauani ..... Zaire
5—Miguel Montilla ..... Dominican Rep.
6—Sean O'Grady ..... Oklahoma City, Okla.
7—Adolph Viruet ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
8—Bruce Curry ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Jose Luis Heredia ..... Spain
10—Adrian "Nani" Marrero ..... Dominican Rep.

DANNY LOPEZ WILFREDO GOMEZ EARNIE SHAVERS
FIGHTERS OF THE MONTH

For the first time in the history of *The Ring* we have three men who rank as fighters of the month. Danny Lopez and Wilfredo Gomez, for winning the vaant world featherweight and junior featherweight titles, and Shavers for upsetting Ken Norton via a one round kayo.

Gomez defeated Colombia's Baby Jimenez with a fifth round kayo at Madison Sq. Garden, to become *The Ring's* first junior featherweight champion.

Lopez kayoed Spain's Roberto Castanon to win the vacant featherweight title. The championship had been vacant since Jan. 20, 1977, when Alexis Arguello gave up the title to move into the junior lightweight division.

Earnie Shavers' one rounder over Norton makes him number four in the ratings. Norton drops from two to six. Evangelista's win over Lucien Rodriguez in an EBU defense moves him from eight to five, while Weaver's victory over Oliver Phillips moves him from nine to eight. Ossie Ocasio's loss to Larry Holmes drops him from five to nine and Jimmy Young falls out to make room for Shavers.

Light heavys: Victories by Galindez, Scott, and Camel moved Galindez up from seven to six (beat Roberto Aguilar) Scott from eight to seven (kayoed Richie Kates) and Camel from tan to nine (outpointed Jim Ingram). Vonzell Johnson drops out, inactive, and is replaced by EBU champion Rudi Koopmans of Holland, who defeated Traversaro.

The middleweights and junior middles find boxers moving from one division to the other. Charlie Weir, South Africa, got off the deck twice to decision Mike Colbert. Weir, ranked number seven in the juniors, is now number three in the middles. Colbert is fifth. Another junior going up to the middles is Syria's Mustafa Hamsho, who goes from sixth in the juniors to seventh in the middles with his win over Winston Noels. Also breaking into the middleweight division is South African Gert Steyn, who defeated countryman Elijah Makhatini. Steyn is ranked ninth and Makhatini is out. Geraldo and Love fall in the rankings due to inactivity.

Tony Chiaverini moves from number five in the middles to number four in the juniors with his kayo victory over Edgar Ross. Ross falls to seven from five. Hope's victory over Mattioli not only gives him the WBC title but moves him up from four to two. Rocky drops from two to five. Benes won the EBU junior title from Cohen and moves from nine to six. Gilbert falls from the top ten. Two new faces in the junior middles: ex-WBA welter king Angel Espada. Puerto Rico, *(Continued on page 42)*

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—Vilomar Fernandez ..... Dominican Rep.
2—Johnny Lira† ..... Chicago, Ill.
3—Giancarlo Usai ..... Italy
4—Alfredo Pitalua ..... Colombia
5—Claude Noel ..... Trinidad, W.I.
6—Jim Watt ..... Scotland
7—Herman Montes ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Termite Watkins ..... Houston, Texas
9—Julio Valdez ..... Dominican Rep.
10—Lennox Blackmoore ..... Guyana

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* ..... Puerto Rico
1—Alexis Arguello** ..... Nicaragua
2—Rafael Limon ..... Mexico
3—Frankie Baltazar ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Bobby Chacon ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Arturo Leon ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
6—Ernesto Espana ..... Venezuela
7—Victor Echegaray ..... Argentina
8—Carlos Hernandez ..... Spain
9—Natale Vezzoli ..... Italy
10—Greg Coverson ..... Columbus, Ohio

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

DANNY LOPEZ** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Eusebio Pedroza* ..... Panama
2—Reuben Castillo† ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
3—Cecilio Lastra ..... Spain
4—Roberto Castanon ..... Spain
5—Mike Ayala ..... San Antonio, Texas
6—Hector Carrasquilla ..... Panama
7—Juan Malvarez ..... Argentina
8—Eddie Ndukwe ..... South Africa
9—Ruben Olivares ..... Mexico
10—David (Poison) Kotey ..... Ghana

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ** ..... Puerto Rico
1—Ricardo Cardona* ..... Colombia
2—Sergio Palma ..... Argentina
3—Nicky Perez† ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
4—Jose Caba ..... Dominican Rep.
5—Babe Jiminez ..... Colombia
6—Soon Yun Chung ..... South Korea
7—Soo Hwan Hong ..... South Korea
8—Javier Flores ..... Sal Lake City, Utah
9—Juan "Kid" Meza ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
10—Leo Cruz ..... Dominican Rep.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JORGE LUJAN* ..... Panama
1—Lupe Pintor ..... Mexico
2—Carlos Zarate** ..... Mexico
3—Alfonso Zamora ..... Mexico
4—Alberto Davila ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Juan F. Rodriguez ..... Spain
6—Roberto Rubaldino ..... Mexico
7—Oscar Muniz ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Andres Hernandez ..... Puerto Rico
9—Al Sandoval ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Ricardo Bennett ..... Panama

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

PARK CHAN-HEE** ..... South Korea
1—Yoko Gushiken ..... Japan
2—Miguel Canto ..... Mexico
3—Betulio Gonzalez* ..... Venezuela
4—Guty Espadas ..... Mexico
5—Shoji Oguma ..... Japan
6—Franco Udella ..... Italy
7—Kim Sung-Jun ..... South Korea
8—Netrnoi Vorasingh ..... Thailand
9—Charlie Magri ..... England
10—Joey Olivo ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAME	PRO DEBUT	TOTAL BOUTS	WON	LOST	DRAWS	KO'S
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Luke Capuano Chicago, Ill.	9/78	6	6	0	0	5
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Ted Mann Brighton, N.J.	8/77	15	14	1	0	12
WELTERWEIGHT						
Nino Gonzalez Bayonne, N.J.	5/78	8	8	0	0	2
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Hilmer Kenty Columbus, Ohio	11/77	7	7	0	0	5

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UNITED STATES RING RATINGS

(AS OF MARCH 25 1979)

HEAVYWEIGHTS

* MIKE WEAVER, Las Vegas, Nev.

1—Leon Spinks, St. Louis, Mo.
2—Earnie Shavers, Warren, Ohio
3—Ken Norton, San Diego, Calif.
4—Ossie Ocasio, Puerto Rico
5—John Tate, Knoxville, Tenn.
6—Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, Pa.
7—Leroy Jones, Denver, Colo.
8—Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
9—Willie Shannon, Orlando, Fla.
10—Scott LeDoux, Minneapolis, Minn.
11—Gerrie Cooney, New York, N.Y.
12—Dino Dennis, Attleboro, Mass.
13—Mike Dokes, Akron, Ohio
14—Eddie Gregory, Brooklyn, N.Y.
15—Kevin Isaac, New York, N.Y.
#—Muhammad Ali, Chicago, Ill.
XX—Larry Holmes, Easton, Pa.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

* MATT FRANKLIN, Philadelphia, Pa.

1—Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez, Stockton, Calif.
2—James Scott, Rahway, N.J.
3—Marvin Camel, Butte, Mont.
4—Vonzell Johnson, Columbus, Ohio
5—Carlos DeLeon, Puerto Rico
6—Ramon Ranquilla, Union City, N.J.
7—Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
8—Sal San Filippo, Jersey City, N.J.
9—Jerry Martin, Philadelphia, Pa.
10—Tommy Evans, Los Angeles, Calif.
11—Richie Kates, Brighton, N.J.
12—Mickey Goodman, Detroit, Mich.
13—Mike Spinks, St. Louis, Mo.
14—Jim Ingram, Los Angeles, Calif.
15—Jerry Celestine, New Orleans, La.
X—Mike Rossman, Turnersville, N.J.
XX—Marvin Johnson Indianapolis, Ind.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

* MARVIN HAGLER, Brockton, Mass.

1—Mike Colbert, Portland, Ore.
2—Rudy Robles, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—David Love, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Ronnie Harris, Akron, Ohio
6—Bobby Watts, Philadelphia, Pa.
7—Edgar Wallace, Phoenix, Ariz.
8—Mike Baker, Washington, D.C.
9—Tony Licata, New Orleans, La.
10—Mel Dennis, Houston, Texas
11—Dwight Davison, Detroit, Mich.
12—Sammy NeSmith, Indianapolis, Ind.
13—Gary Guiden, Munice, Ind.
14—Keith Broom, Washington D.C.
15—William Scypion, Houston, Texas

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

* ROCKY MOSLEY JR., Las Vegas, Nev.

1—Tony Chiaverini, Kansas City, Mo.
2—Edgar Ross, Orlando, Fla.
3—Angel Espada, Puerto Rico
4—Johnny Sullivan, Portland, Ore.
5—Alvin Anderson, Baltimore, Md.
6—Larry Bonds, Denver, Colo.
7—Jerry Cheatman, Phoenix, Ariz.
8—Ray Phillips, Dallas, Texas
9—Marvin Jenkins, Charleston, S.C.
10—Wilson Bell, Detroit, Mich.
11—Freddy Johnson, New Orleans, La.
12—Carlos Santos, Puerto Rico
13—Steve Gregory, Columbus, Ohio
14—Roger Leonard, Palmer Park, Md.
15—Steve Delgado, Los Angeles, Calif.

WELTERWEIGHTS

* PETE RANZANY, Sacramento, Calif.

1—Ray Leonard, Palmer Park, Md.
2—Thomas Hearns, Detroit, Mich.
3—Randy Shields, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Harold Weston, New York, N.Y.
5—Johnny Gant, Washington D.C.
6—Manuel Jiminez, Puerto Rico
7—Domingo Ayala, Puerto Rico
8—Dale Staley, Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
9—Howard Jackson, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Scott Clark, Orlando, Fla.
11—Jimmy Jackson, Los Angeles, Calif.
12—Andy Price, Los Angeles, Calif.
13—Ray Hammond, New York, N.Y.
14—Alfonso Hayman, Philadelphia, Pa.
15—Earl Liburd, St. Thomas, V.I.
#—Wilfred Benitez, Puerto Rico

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

* TITLE VACANT

1—Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico
2—Saoul Mamby, New York, N.Y.
3—Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, Okla.
4—Adolph Viruet, Phoenix, Ariz.
5—Bruce Curry, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Jimmy Corkum, Boston, Mass.
7—Tony Petronelli, Brockton, Mass.
8—Sammy Ayala, San Antonio, Texas
9—Willie Rodriguez, Allentown, Pa.
10—Jimmy Heair, Memphis, Tenn.
11—John Turner, New York, N.Y.
12—Leroy Haley, Las Vegas, Nev.
13—Monroe Brooks, Los Angeles, Calif.
14—Luis Davila, Hartford, Conn.
15—Curtis Ramsey, Portland, Ore.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

* JOHNNY LIRA, Chicago, Ill.

1—Herman Montes, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Termite Watkins, Houston, Texas
3—Arcadio Suarez, New York, N.Y.
4—Jorge Morales, Las Vegas, Nev.
5—Andrew Ganigan, Honolulu, Hawaii
6—Howard Davis, Glen Cove, L.I., N.Y.
7—Edwin Viruet, Puerto Rico
8—Hilmer Kenty, Columbus, Ohio
9—Aaron Pryor, Cincinnati, Ohio
10—Reynaldo Zaragonza, Los Angeles, Calif.
11—Ruby Ortiz, New York, N.Y.
12—Billy Parks, Denver, Colo.
13—Enrique Solis, Puerto Rico
14—Louis Huebla, New York, N.Y.
15—Felix Perez, Brooklyn, N.Y.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

* TITLE VACANT

1—Frankie Baltazar, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Arturo Leon, Phoenix, Ariz.
4—Greg Coverson, Columbus, Ohio
5—Walter Seeley, Sayville, L.I., N.Y.
6—Luke Ervin, Jersey City, N.J.
7—Ernest Bing, Atlantic City, N.J.

8—Alex Alatore, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Gonzalo Montellano, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Alex Oregel, Los Angeles, Calif.
11—Jerry Kornele, Houston, Texas
12—Roy Hernandez, San Antonio, Texas
13—Nacho Jiminez, Los Angeles, Calif.
14—Edwin Luis Rivera, Hoboken, N.J.
15—Robert Perez, Houston, Texas
#—Samuel Serrano, Puerto Rico

FEATHERWEIGHTS

* REUBEN CASTILLO, Bakersfield, Calif.
1—Mike Ayala, San Antonio, Texas
2—Beto Nunez, Phoenix, Ariz.
3—Gerald Hayes, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Jimmy Farrell, Rockland, Mass.
5—Alberto Collazo, Pittsburgh, Pa.
6—Warren Matthews, New Orleans, La.
7—Frank Ahumada, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Jimmy Martinez, Houston, Texas
9—Jerome Artis, Philadelphia, Pa.
10—Alfonso Evans, Philadelphia, Pa.
11—Bobby Everett, Boston, Mass.
12—Augie Pantellas, Philadelphia, Pa.
13—Juan LaPorte, New York, N.Y.
14—Sammy Goss, Trenton, N.J.
15—Gaby Cantera, San Antonio, Texas
#—Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

* NICKY PEREZ, Phoenix, Ariz.
1—Javier Flores, Salt Lake City, Utah
2—Juan Kid Meza, Las Vegas, Nev.
3—David Ramalho, Lowell, Mass.
4—Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—William Berry, Trenton, N.J.
6—Eddie Logan, Seattle, Wash.
7—Earl Large, Phoenix, Ariz.
8—Melvin Johnson, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Rocky Lockridge, Seattle, Wash.
10—Jose Rosa, Puerto Rico
11—Isaac Vega, Chicago, Ill.
12—Cookie Valencia, Salt Lake City, Utah
13—Ernesto Rios, Los Angeles, Calif.
14—Derrick Holmes, Washington, D.C.
15—Jose Resendez, Los Angeles, Calif.
#—Wilfredo Gomez, Puerto Rico

BANTAMWEIGHTS

* TITLE VACANT
1—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Oscar Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
4—Al Sandoval, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Jeff Chandler, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Richard Rozelle, Columbus, Ohio
7—Julian Solis, Puerto Rico
8—Leo Randolph, Seattle, Wash.
9—Andres Torres, Puerto Rico
10—Artemio Jerome, Los Angeles, Calif.
11—Ignacio Osorio, Los Angeles, Calif.
12—Baby Kid Chocolate, Philadelphia, Pa.
13—David Vasquez, New York, N.Y.
14—Raul Pecheco, Los Angeles, Calif.
15—Jimmy Magnifico, Jersey City, N.J.

FLYWEIGHTS

* TITLE VACANT
1—Joey Olivo, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Jose Ortiz, Puerto Rico
3—Willie Jansen, Las Vegas, Nev.
4—Orlando Maldonado, Puerto Rico
5—Fred Jackson, Memphis, Tenn.
6—Mario Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Mike Stuart, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Freddy Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Paterson Marin, Puerto Rico

#—World Champion
X—WBA Champion
XX—WBC Champion

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WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Larry Holmes stopped Ossie Ocasio, 7
(WBC Heavyweight Title)
Earnie Shavers kayoed Ken Norton, 1
Jimmy Abbot knocked out Terry Mintus, 4
Alfredo Evangelista halted Lucien Rodriguez, 2
(European Heavyweight Title)
Mike Weaver stopped Oliver Phillips, 4
Gerry Cooney halted Charlie Johnson, 1
Rodell Dupree beat Mike Taraswich, 10.
Louis Hendriks beat Sofonia Naile, 4
Mike Koranicki was halted by John L. Gardner, 9
Giovanni De Luca beat Rinaldo Pellizzari, 12
(Italian Heavyweight Title)
Fred Serres stopped Karl Heinz Schulz, 1
Alfio Righetti beat Tom Prater, 10
Hary Konate stopped Romeo Malgarini, 1
Claudio Cassenelli whipped Fausto Costantino, 6
Daniele Laghi smoked Angelo Visini, 4
Fred Serres beat Etienne Bayidykyla, 6
Lorenzo Zanon beat Avenamar Peralta, 8
Mike Dokes beat Wendell Bailey, 10
Kevin Isaac beat Earl Tripp, 10
Scott LeDoux stopped Jim Beattie, 3
Gerry Cooney halted Charley Johnson, 1
Fred Askew whipped John Kine, 8
Eddie Gregory whipped Pat Cuillo, 10

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Victor Galindez stopped Roberto Aguillar, 7
James Scott halted Richie Kates, 10
Tony Licata and Jimmy Ingram drew, 10
Bruce McIntyre halted Joseph Matjiu, 1
Gerrie Bodenstein halted Mervin Smit, 5
(South African Lightheavyweight Title)
Harold Saaiman beat Willem Giesing, 4
Tony Mundine stopped Ronnie Wilson, 7
Mustapha Wassaja beat Jerry Celestine, 8, stopped Bunny Johnson, 7
Louis Pergaud beat Victor Attivor, 10
Pierre Kabassu won over Uwe Meinicke, 8
Lino Lemma beat Luciano Bolis, 6
Rudi Koopmans halted Aldo Traversaro, 7
(European Lightheavyweight Title)
Yaqui Lopez stopped Ivy Brown, 3
Sal San Filippo halted Bob O'Brien, 3
Marvin Camel beat Jim Ingram, 10

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

John Locicero halted Ali Perez, 2
Noberto Sabater beat Danny Pate, 4
Gerorge Lee whipped Al Lockard, 4
Mike Baker halted Casey Gacic, 6
Charlie Weir stopped Kevin Finnegan, 7, beat Mike Colbert, 10
Cameron Adams stopped Joseph Hali, 2
Michael Motsoane beat Zenzile Makanda, 4
Joseph Draditsile kayoed by Peter Swanepoel, 1
Terance Makaluza beat Andre Nel, 6
Alan Minter beat Rudy Robles, 10
Carlos Mark and Wilson Perez drew, 8
Renato Garcia was halted by Richard Ofoso, 3
Andoni Amana beat Angel Ortiz, 10
Torben Andersen beat Oscar Angus, 6
Jean Marie Amebe beat Jacques Chinon, 10
Roberto Felicioni whipped Garbriele Lazzari, 8
Michel Pagani kayoed Jose Lozano, 3
Jose Hernandez stopped Jean Symos, 4
Raymond Langewouters kayoed Spephane Vert-Pre, 4
Nicola Cirelli stopped Hendryk Seys, 3

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Masashi Kudo won a majority decision over Manuel Gonzalez, 15
(World Jr. Middleweight Title)
Rocky Mosley kayoed Ray Phillips, 1
(US Jr. Middleweight Title)
Maurice Hope halted Rocky Mattioli, 8
(WBC Jr. Middleweight Title)
Andries Molahloe halted Sam Fortuin, 3
Coerad Bekker stopped Phalo Tshume, 6
Lemuel Nkumane and Patrick Tshabalala, 6
Jesus Castro stopped Sandy Torres, 6
Jose Vallejo defeated Mario Ramos, 10
Maurice Bufi stopped Pol Payen, 3
Donato Romano beat Serge Sinelnikov, 6
Vittorio Conte and Alois Carmeliet drew, 10
Luigi Minchillo halted Michel Chapier, 5
Jose Luis Pacheco halted Johnny Disla, 3
Paolo Zanusso beat Giancarlo Serangelo, 8
Ayub Kalule stopped Ho Joo, 2
Clement Tshinza beat Horace McKenzie, 10
Everaldo Costa Azevedo stopped Alain Marion, 9
Tony Chiaverini stopped Edgar Ross, 10
Jerry Cheatman stopped Lamar Baskin, 2
Marvin Jenkins beat Marvin Edwards, 8
Steve Delgado beat James Waire, 10, then lost to Roger Leonard, KO by 6
Wilson Bell beat Larry McCall, 10
Kenny Crooms knocked out Larry Myers, 5
Carlos Santos halted Mustafa Ali, 7
Ricky Wiegel stopped Antonio Adams, 1
Joe Tiberi stopped Ray Rivera, 2

WELTERWEIGHTS

Wilfred Benitez whipped Harold Westeon, 15
(World Welterweight Title)
Howard Jackson won over Jimmy Jackson, 12
Greg Stephens halted Neil Pattel, 9
Tommy Hearns stopped Segundo Murillo, 8
Mitsuo Kushikino stopped Tarzan Tobaru, 8
D.C.H. Beyers stopped Jerome Kurrame, 3
Hubert Botha halted Martin Lockett, 2
David Kgotsane lost to Joseph Lala, 6
David Kambule whipped Morris Mohloai, 10
Johnny Cooper was halted by Josef Nsubuga, 3
Andoni Amana whipped Tyrone Phelps, 8
Timoteo Bonizzoni and Italo Venturi, drew, 10
Ronaldo Zenon halted Oswaldo Lopez, 5
Richard Rodriguez beat Alain Ruocco, 8
Timoteo Bonizzoni and Italo Ventruri drew, 10
Ronaldo Zenon stopped Oswaldo Lopez, 5
Richard Rodriguez beat Alain Ruocco, 8
Pierangelo Pira beat Luiz Ribeiro, 6
Francesco Morrone halted Luigi Dal Santo, 3
Gilles Elbilia beat Angel Carmona, 8
Jo Kimpuani halted Jimmy Rothwell, 7, then stopped Oscar Aparicio, 3
Fred Coranson halted Yannick Biandin, 7, beat Italo Venturi, 8
Jesus Rodriguez De La Rosa beat Jose Luis Fernandez, 8
Hans-Henrik Palm beat Joey Singleton, 8
Jorgen Hansen beat Billy Waith, 8
Alois Careliet beat Billy Waith, 8
Alvaro Pegoli defeated Spartaco Verna, 8
Freddie Decaestecker beat Dirk DeClerck, 8
Patrizio Burini beat Zdravko Jovicic, 8
Salvatore Cascio beat Luiz Ribeiro, 6
Pietro Callara beat Nicola Sassanelli, 6
Ray Leonard kayoed Daniel Gonzalez, 1
Steve Gregory and Rennie Pinder drew, 10

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS

Jose Luis Heredia outpointed Fernando Sanchez, 12
(European Jr. Welterweight Title)
Saoul Mamby beat Norman Goins, 10
Bennie Nortman beat Solomon Bango, 4
Jestus Josephs halted Hardy Mileham, 6
Martin Jacobs beat Simon Mokwena, 4
Michael Mohlabane beat Johannes Motsumi, 6
Bruce Curry beat Clinton McKenzie, 10
Jose Rena halted Felix Reyes, 4
Perico Fernandez stopped Manuel Llata, 8, and beat Tony Martey, 8
Patrizio Burnini beat Giuseppe Minotti, 8
Bruno Simili stopped Adriano Ubertini, 5
Robert Gambini halted Francesco Gallo, 2
Giuseppe Martinese halted Giuseppe Corbo, 10
(Italian Jr. Welterweight Title)
Bernard Dylbaitis halted Dragan Tadic, 5
Danny M'Putu stopped Ethem Oezakalin, 3
Dave Williams halted Andres Blanco, 4
Jean Van Torre kayoed Barry Price, 4
Mutil Nando beat Melian Sierra, 6
Jimmy Heair stopped Juan Panchi, 5
Jimmy Corkum stopped Charlie Benjamin, 5
Curtis Ramsey beat Allen Webb 10

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ruby Ortiz defeated Hugo Rengifo, 10
Ralph Racine stopped Cocoa Sanchez, 10
Termite Watkins and Teodoro Ozuna Drew, 10
Cris Boy Otero and Dario Melida, Drew, 10
Frankie Balase halted Arman Marbella, 4
Joe Lim Stopped Petsiam Pecscharoen, 9
Al Espinoxa lost to Rod De Los Santos, 10
Abraham Mphatsoe beat Stephen Balene, 4
Ediel Hlephudi defeated Joseph Molathhoe, 6
Luis Vega lost to Charlie Nash, 8
Robert Rucker halted Carlos Espadas, 1
Rafael Solis beat Adolfo Marte via Kayo, 3
Antonio Cruz beat Jorge Mojica, 10
Joel Moulin defeated Arthur Fogueiro, 8
Gilbert Bayerns beat Eric Wood, 6
Dave Williams halted Joel Moulin, 1
Dieter Schantz and Luiz Ribeiro drew, 6
Moel Moulin defeated Arthur Fogueiro, 8
Giancarlo Usai beat Eloy De Souza, 8
Bruno Demontis halted Melquiades Da Silva, 5
Francisco Leon beat Alcala Cruz, 8
Christian Garcia beat Eloy De Souza, 8
Luigi De Rosa defeated Giuseppe Agate, 8
Joe Gibilisco defeated Alfonso Carrillo, 8
Cornelius Boza-Edwards whipped Nino Jimenez, 8
Danny M'Putu beat Giuseppe Agate, 8
Andrew Ganigan stopped David Madrid, 2

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS

Carlos Hernandez halted Natale Vezzoli, 4
(European Jr. Lightweight Title)
Bobby Chacon stopped Shig Fukuyama, 5
Johnny Sato halted Nardito Adrayan, 5
Milo Acido beat Young Fely, 10
Primo Bulambao halted Marlon Marcardo, 5
Erning Grafe halted Pisarong Wansari, 8
Rolando Navarette stopped Pete Alferez, 2
Yasutsune Uehara stopped Yasuhide Tatahashi, 6
Charles Bois beat Norman Bromfield, 4
Johan Weyer beat Evans Gwiji, 6
Vuyisile Ntunzi won over Pinki Dlaala, 6
Mnini Frans beat Jannie Landman, 4
Thomas Sithebe beat Joseph Tsotetsi, 6
Robert Gambini halted Francesco Gallo, 2
Salvatore Liscapade beat Cosimo Lavino, 12
(Italian Jr. Lightweight Title)
Mohamed Boundtka kayoed Francis Bailleul, 7
Marco Gallo beat Alessandro Nardi, 8
Patrick Goblet and Potito Di Muro, drew 8
Alex Oregel beat Roger Bucheli, 10

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Danny Lopez knocked out Roberto Castanon, 2
(World Featherweight Title)
Ruben Castillo knocked out Warren Matthews, 7
(U.S. Featherweight Title)
Fel Viesca and Pedro Lipata Drew, 10
Willie Espinosa beat Eddie Bllaran, 10
Kosei Kawaguchi Halted Sheigeyoshi Adachi, 5
John Mauanga beat Luis Resto, 8
Manuel Jimenez and Guillermo Almengot drew, 8
Roberto Castanon kayoed Gerard Jacob, 7
(European Featherweight Title)
Natale Carredda beat Salvatore Mulluzzo, 12
(Italian Featherweight Title)
Cecilio Lastra stopped Nani Rodriguez, 5
(Spanish Featherweight Title)
Frank Ahumada beat Roy Hernandez, 10

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS

Wilfredo Gomez stopped Nestor Jimenez, 5
(World Jr. Featherweight Title)
Polly Barace stopped Rene Cruz, 10
Neptali Alamag beat Sukothai Thonomchit, 10
Kosei Anan whipped Furaro Tanaka, 10
Johann Putter beat Micael Moamagoa, 6
Julio Solano stopped Jesus Gomez, 2
Nicky Perez beat Javier Flores, 12
(U.S. Jr. Featherweight Title)
Franke Duarte beat Francisco Flores, 12

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Carlos Zarate halted Mensah Kpalogo, 3
(WBC Bantamweight Title)
Juan Francisco Rodriguez beat Johnny Owen, 15
(European Bantamweight Title)
Rolando Rosuento beat Falsh Carasin, 10
Rey Orbino lost to Noe Canino, 10
Billy Abato halted Bob Castor, 2
(Philippine Bantamweight Title)
Johannes Lesibo beat Samuel Serekego, 4
Johannes Phumo and Samuel Koalepe drew, 4
Peter Mathebula stopped Leslie Pikoli, 8
Shadrack Mogopudi halted Edward Twayi, 3
Ricardo Loco Bennett beat Gilberto Illueca, 12
(Panamanian Bantamweight Title)
Rafael Sosa beat Vitor Bultron, 10
Andres Hernandez whipped Enrique Sanchez, 10
Paolo Castrovilli halted Antonio Galletta, 2
Esteban Eguia beat Juan Barros, 8
Franco Buglione and Raga Purphy drew, 8

FLYWEIGHTS

Park Chan-Hee whipped Miguel Canto, 15
(World Flyweight Title)
Charlie Magri kayoed Mike Stuart, 3
Ver Libradilla halted Jun Bobier, 6
Diego De Villa and Little Carupo Drew, 10
William Develos beat Allan Jardemil, 10
Robinson Abato whipped Julius Gonzaga, 10
Siony Carupo beat Ronald Sumalis, 10
Jimmy Boy beat Rodrigo Saonoy, 10
Ric Dolotallas beat Romeo Sajonia, 10
Koichi Maki halted Ryu Kaionji, 8
Godfrey Nkate beat Joseph Mokomaditsile, 8
Simon Mafere beat Matin Nkoto, 4
Isaac Seripe beat Freddie Masemola, W4
Aolo Castrovilli stopped Antonio Galletta, 2, also halted Salvatore Laconi, 4
Fred Jackson beat Simmie Black, 6
Mario Chavez stopped Blackie Sandoval, 1

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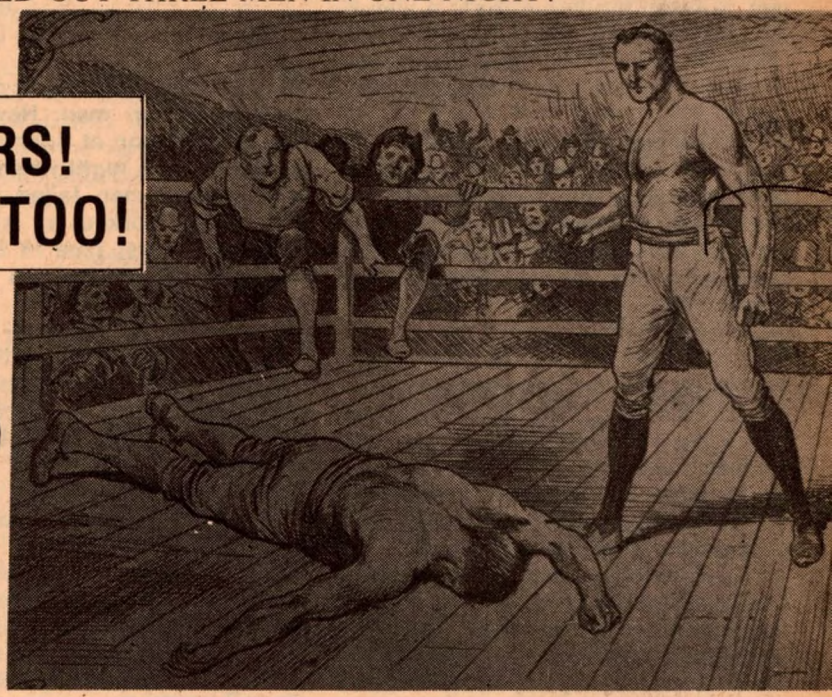

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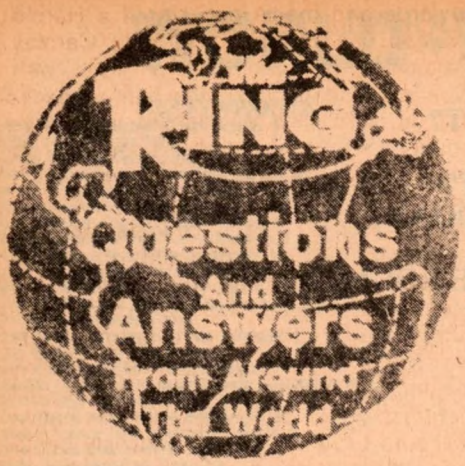

Q. I know Primo Carnera was a big guy. But was the Italian really a punishing fighter. Was he a one-punch finisher?

James Muldoon
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A. Carnera certainly proved too much for Jack Sharkey in the Long Island City Bowl on June 29, 1933. In round six, Carnera dropped Sharkey right on his face with a right uppercut. Referee Arthur Donovan counted him out at 2:27.

Q. I fought in the Dayton Golden Gloves at Dayton Convention Center. Prior to the fight, I heard my opponent had a few years with Karate instruction. His name was Don Branch I hit him five or six times. On the seventh blow, he ducks, comes up with a left hand Karate chop (or blow) to the neck or side of the chin with an open hand. A Dayton News photographer has a negative of the action. I told my trainer about this but he said that if the judges did not see it, I have no chance of appealing. I asked him if it was an open fist or closed fist. He said that nothing can be done if it was. I was knocked out in 33 seconds and that was the only blow he hit me with. Joe Folke of the Channel 7 News said his camera was on the opposite side of the blow. It was shown six times in the News. All the people see is me falling. I need your help. What shall I do?

A. Only suggestion we have is that you have the negatives printed and present them to the Gloves Committee and ask for their consideration in the matter.

Q. Tony Chiaverini, Kansas City, knocked down Sammy NeSmith, Indianapolis, 16 times in their bout that went only nine rounds. A left hook by Tony at 1:35 of the ninth round, ended the bout on this, the sixteenth knockdown.

In the fifth round alone, NeSmith was on the deck eight times. Sammy was ahead on points when the bout ended. The contest was almost stopped in the sixth, due to a bad cut over Chiaverini's right eye.

What is the record for knockdowns in a non-championship bout?

Rip Decker
Kansas City, Mo.

A. The record was established in 1902. On Dec. 26, Battling Nelson defeated Christy Williams by a KO in seventeen rounds. Nelson was down seven times and Williams hit the deck forty-two times for a total of forty-nine knockdowns.

Q. Everytime I go to the fights, I see they have several referees at ringside. Wouldn't one man be sufficient?

James Bowen
Queens, N.Y.

A. In New York State, they usually have a backup man. However, there was an occasion at Sunnyside Garden in Queens one night when Harold Valan's backup man failed to show up and Valan worked all six fights. It marked the first time in State history that one ref worked an entire fight card.

Q. Is there anything in the records of the two same guys fighting for the heavyweight title three successive times? I know about return bouts, but I don't remember three.

James Kittle
Clearwater, Fla.

A. Yes, it has happened. Floyd Patterson and Ingomar Johansson hassled for the title three times in succession. The first bout resulted in the KO of Patterson by the Swedish heavyweight. That was on June 26, 1959. Then Patterson won the title back by a knockout in the fifth round. On March 13, 1961, Patterson again knocked out Johansson in the sixth round in Miami, Fla.

Q. Back in the 1920s, a fighter by the name of Kid Murray fought regularly and was quite popular. I know he retired but what has he been doing in retirement.

A. Kid Murray or Anthony Friedlander died on Oct. 13, 1978. He quit the ring after an injury that almost cost him his sight. In 1947, Mr. Friedlander, who owned a jewelry store (he was in business for fifty years) tried to subdue a pair of bandits at his shop one morning He fought with a man holding a .32 cal. pistol, rolling down a flight of stairs. He was struck with a blackjack in the battle. The commotion attracted policemen, who captured the thieves. He was active in politics until last year, serving more than fifty years as a committeeman in the 54th ward. He was also a charter member in the Veteran Boxers Association.

Q. Whatever happened to Tony Zale, former middleweight champion, who fought Rocky Graziano in three 'wars' for the title?

A. Tony Zale is working with young people in the PAL program in Chicago. Now white haired with a hearing aid on his left ear, Zale is trying to interest some people on doing a movie of his ring life. The life of Tony Zale would make an interesting book or movie. We wish him luck.

Q. What is the consensus? Did the courageous Primo Carnera take a worse beating from Max Baer or from Joe Louis?

Jerry Patridge
Omaha, Neb.

A. I would say the consensus is that Max Baer gave Primo Carnera the worst beating.

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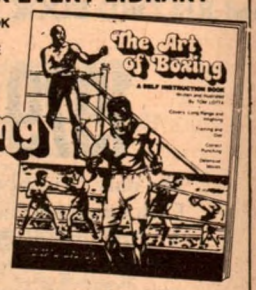

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EXCUSES?

First, may I say that I buy *The Ring* Magazine and it is without a doubt the finest boxing book on the newsstand. Now I can make my viewpoint known. I have been in numerous arguments with friends and acquaintances concerning the greatness of my boyhood idol, Rocky Marciano. In a couple of instances, blows have almost been exchanged while discussing the subject of great heavyweights.

It really upsets me to read or listen to those unbelievers who down the Brockton Blockbuster for stopping Joe Louis. Rocky was twenty-seven and Louis was thirty-seven when the two fought in 1951 at the Garden. General concensus goes something like this: Joe was old. He would have killed Marciano in his prime. Rocky is lucky that this isn't the same Brown Bomber who clobbered Schmeling back in '38. Am I telling it like it is?

But let's go back to 1938. Louis did take care of the German in super fashion that June 22, 1938, but if I'm not mistaken, Schmeling had to be around 35 when he suffered the first round knockout. No one felt sorry for the old man Max, did they? All the talk centered around the 24-year old Louis who had just disposed of another Nazi for God and country. But Max was probably over the hill when he whipped Louis in '36.

Another great, Cassius Clay (Ali) rose to the pinancle when he beat Sonny Liston in 1964. Many experts indicate Liston could have been close to forty when the 23-year old Ali wound up with the title. Ali ridded the division of a no account convict was the general feeling of the public. Poor old Sonny didn't receive many get well cards.

The point I'm trying to make is fair play in all instances for everyone. Excuses are just that . . . excuses. After all, how many of the great champions were ready for retirement when they met their match, Sullivan, Jeffries, Johnson, Dempsey, Louis, Charles, Walcott, Liston, *etc*?

Rocky didn't need excuses.

Billy Dallas
Lovington, New Mexico

STANTON FAN

I would like to express my appreciation to the CBS Television network for giving Larry Stanton some well deserved TV exposure. Stanton is a hard punching ringman who comes to fight. He proved he is worthy of television coverage when he gave Howard Davis all he could handle in a ten-round fight a couple of months ago. He also put on an exciting show in scoring a fifth round knockout over game Johnny Copeland. A well executed body attack, culminated with a beautiful left hook to the liver put Copeland down for the count. I think Stanton really has a future. I would also like to commend CBS for employing Angelo Dundee and Gil Clancy as announcers. These men know the fight game inside out and their knowledgable comments on fighting styles are a highlight to CBS' fight coverage.

Joseph T. Pantaleo
Rochester, N.Y.

UPS EPPS

During a recent visit to Las Vegas, I had the opportunity to see an impressive young fighter. His name is Robbie Epps. Epps weighs in at about 156 pounds and represents Clovis, New Mexico. He is a tall, lanky young man and is extremely fluid in the ring. I am an avid reader of *The Ring* and would like to call this young man to your attention. I was very impressed and hope to read more about him in the future.

Jeffrey Powell
Columbus, Ohio

LIKES SPLIT TITLES

When baseball, football basketball and hockey broke away from their traditional league formats and switched to divisional play, people opposing this change used the same arguments that you advance in your June Issue editorial against dual champions. And, in both cases, the arguments are wrong. How can boxing fans be the losers, when, thanks to the rift between the WBA and the WBC, and the creation of the junior weight divisions (which the RING opposed) we can now watch more fights on national TV than since the early 1960s. It is because of the dual champions in each division that interest has been rekindled in boxing, because there is more competition. Now, more fighters have a chance at fighting for a title and the accompanying financial rewards and media publicity. If a Harold Weston cannot get a fight with Carolos Palamino, he can get a fight with Cuevas. And because the fight is exciting, he also gets spotlighted in a subsequent fight on national television. In other words, he gets a chance which would not have been possible had we had to rely on "legit" champs like Benitez, who doesn't even bother to defend the title, or the annual, boring defense by Monzon in Buenos Aires where he cannot lose by a decision or even my favorite, Duran, who, if you remember, after beating Buchanan, not only did he not fight him again, but retreated to his native Panama for all his fights and only came back to the States to reclaim his lost publicity. Now, we boxing fans get to see his every fight on TV and the man is a celebrity. So who's the loser? Thanks to the war between WBA and WBC we also get to see fighters like Zarate and Arguello regularly. In the case of boxing, its quantity not quality that counts. The more fights there are, the better the chance of a great fighter appearing. That's why I hope that *The Ring* will try again to institute a U.S. Boxing Championship. And, if a rival promoter starts his own tourney, so much the better.

Milan Simich
New York, N.Y.

SCHMELING A GREAT FIGHTER

Saw where you published a letter from some reader who touts Marciano as the greatest heavyweight. For my money, the greatest was Joe Louis. He asks, "if Louis was so great, how come Schmeling beat him?" What he and most 'experts' don't seem to know is that Schmeling was a really great fighter and the odds are good that when he kayoed Louis, he would also have hammered out anybody else around. This certainly includes Ali, and even Rocky. My pick of the all time best would be: 1. Louis; 2. Johnson; 3. Dempsey; 4. Marciano; 5; Schmeling.

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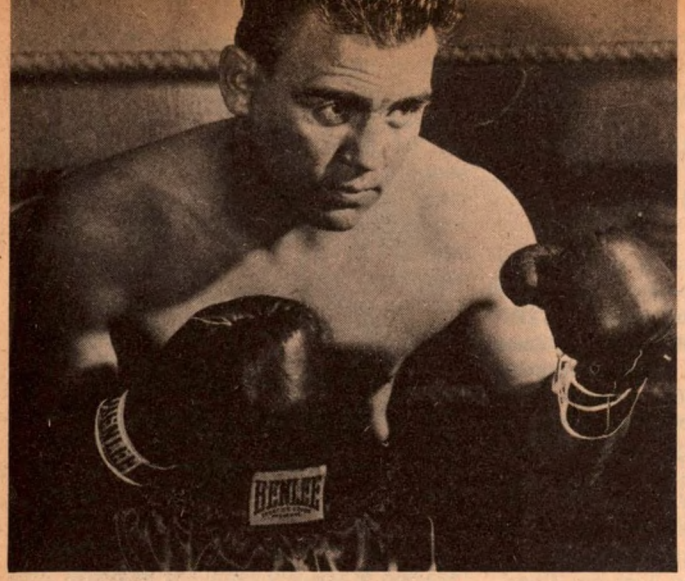


ALL-TIME GREAT FRENCH FIGHTERS

By LESTER BROMBERG

Robert Villemain beat world middleweight Jake LaMotta in an over-the-weigh bout in Madison Square on December 9, 1949. He never got a title fight.

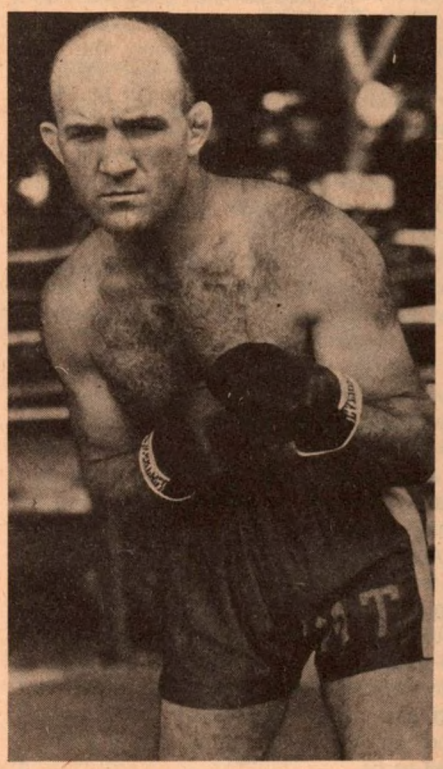
Marcel Cerdan was undoubtedly one of France's greatest fighters. Marcel Thil belongs among the Pantheon's elect. Nobody begrudges due respect to the shade of Eugene Criqui.

The roll call of boxing's nationalities cannot trumpeted over La Belle France, however, without recognizing the towering position of Georges Carpentier, the foremost boxer that nation has developed in sheer magnetism.

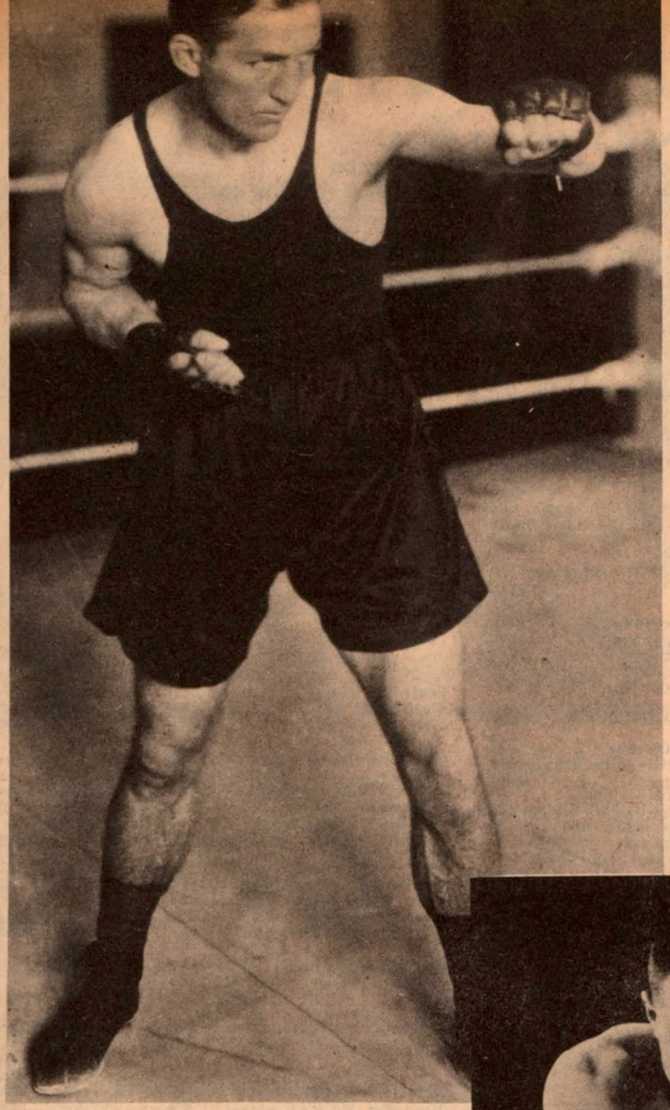
The Ring has collated a listing—the Italians, the Irish, the Jews, the Puerto Ricans, and others.

But no one has crystallized the invisible bond between the U.S. and France boxing-wise as did Georges, the Orchid Man, the boulevardier, the man who made Broadway and Fifth Avenue in New York synonymous with the Bois de Boulogne and Champs Elysee in Paris.

And he knew it, the graying, yet supple, figure of a Frenchman (and an idol), who last came to New York in 1970. It was a public relations gesture. He was invited here to grace a Madison Square Garden fight between Donato Paduano, a handsome but ineffectual punching Italian, and Marcel Cerdan, Jr., son and namesake of the unforgettable one and, actually, a mediocre and distant fistic relative.

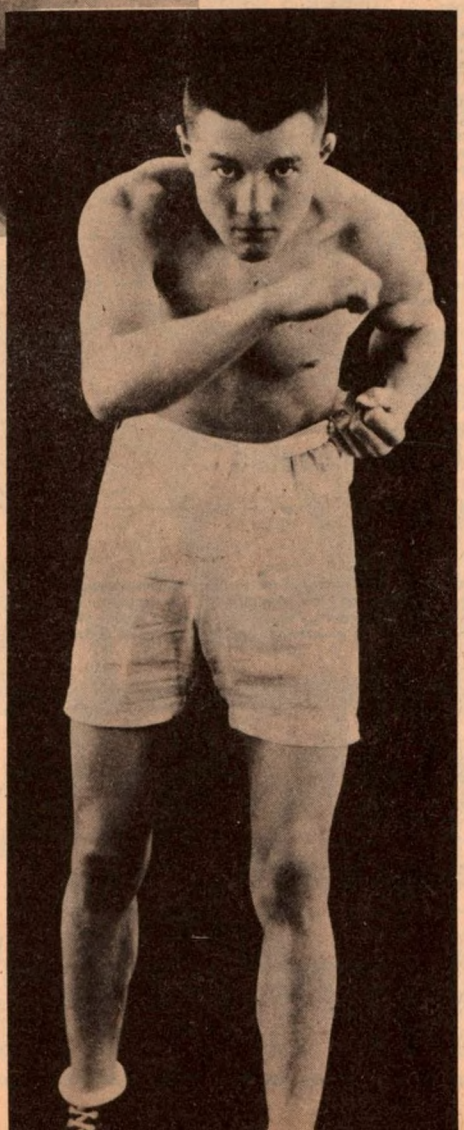


(Left) Eugene Criqui, world featherweight champion from 1923-24. (Above, left) Jean-Claude Bouttier, who challenged Monzon for the middleweight diadem. (Above, right) World middleweight champion Marcel Thil, who beat the best in the world during the 1930s. Gorilla Jones, Len Harvey, Kid Tunero, Ignacio Ara, Carmelo Candel, Jock McAvoy, and Lou Brouillard were among those he defeated.



(Left) George Carpentier, the greatest figure in French pugilism. "The Orchid Man," as he was known, won the European welterweight title at the age of seventeen, in 1911. He was light heavyweight champion of the world from 1920 to 1922. (Right) Marcel Cerdan, one of the greatest middleweights to ever lace on a glove. He died in an airplane crash in the Azores on October 27, 1949.

Emile (Spider) Pladner, who won the flyweight title by kayoing Frankie Genaro in the first round in Paris on March 2, 1929. Genaro took it back on a foul in five rounds in Paris on April 18 of the same year. Pladner later won the French bantamweight title.



Georges was just as much of an international trademark as his singing countryman, Maurice Chevalier. Their spectacular and long careers parallel each other, in fact. Carpentier was born in 1894. He died five years after his ambivalent final trip. Chevalier, who constantly was photographed with leading personalities of French sport, including Carpentier, was part of the same generation. He was born in 1888 and died in 1972.

The writer and George Kanter, a saga in himself as a lifetime votary of French boxing and its heroes, happened to be his host one night at dinner. And his mood was interesting, if overcast.

"You know I care nothing about this Cerdan," he said. "It was a chance to come here at somebody's expense.

"I am an old party but I get never get tired of the thrill of coming to New York. Believe me, it transports me back fifty years.

"I wait for a taxi cab and people come up to me and ask, 'Aren't you Carpentier?' How do they know? The young ones, who couldn't have been born when I was at my peak? I don't ask how they know. It wouldn't be polite. I just marvel and say inwardly, 'it's wonderful!'"

Then he swung to the other side of the coin.

"In the last few years I've walked down many a street in Paris and nobody recognizes me. Honest. Now, anybody has been a celebrity and tells you that they're happy to be ignored on the street—don't believe it! You miss the feeling of being recognized."

And what was the pull of this man? Particularly in the U.S.?

By 1906, Georges was only a celebrity in the northern-most small town of Lens, not far from Lille, a center for textiles, chamicals, and machinery. He was important there because he was, at twelve, an amateur champion, as a featherweight.

He grew remarkably, from a skinny-legged, thin-bodied youth. By 1911, he was a welterweight—and a pro. He had fought fifteen rounds and, believe it not, Mr. Ripley, he had beaten Harry Lewis in twenty rounds in Paris. Lewis was an American and a world figure. When Georges fought him he was a claimant to the welterweight title.

The next year, Carpentier sprouted into a middleweight and at eighteen he was undergoing nitty-gritty battles with such grizzles warriors as Willie Lewis, no relation to Harry, but also a New Yorker and also a

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UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

We had plenty of time to recall the history of many of the fistic greats of yesteryear while we were sidelined in our Marine-Parkway home, and came home with some fond memories of many of our ring stars of yesterday. The two who struck us as wonder men of their eras were Jack Dillon, the Hoosier Bearcat, who was out of Frankfort, Ind., and Billy Miske, a great performer hailing from St. Paul, Minn. We'll tell you about these two, briefly, but you can write reams of their accomplishments.

Dillon had a remarkable record. He was never more than a middleweight, as far as weight goes, but he did achieve the world's light heavyweight crown. Dillon was idolized wherever he went and was a great favorite whenever he appeared in a New York ring, albeit most of his scraps were of the no decision variety.

During a hectic career which covered a span of 240 skirmishes, he lost only six decisions and was never stopped, amazing when one considers him being a middleweight and the caliber of the competition he faced up with. Among his competition were Tom Cowler, the Jim Corbett protege from England, a kayo in two rounds at the Broadway Arena, Battling Levinsky, Billy Miske, St. Paul's heavyweight, and other stars of his era. Never forgot how sick he was when he last appeared in New York in a ten-round no-decision affair with his old rival, Billy Miske. The beating he took! But he went the distance. Will never forget Johnny Weismantel, promoter at the Broadway Arena, in Brooklyn, who loved Dillon, running out of the club as his pal was being beaten but wouldn't quit and managed somehow to go the distance. That was one of the gamest exhibitions we ever saw. Dillon was a very sick man at the time.

Dillon's friends finally had him quit the ring in 1923, a shell of his former self. He was a legend in his own right. The record of men he battled, many of whom had been champions and became standouts, was amazing. In our book, one of the greatest of the old timers, whose fistic scorecard is second to none.

Then there was the story of Billy Miske, who fought them all but never became a champion because a chap like Jack Dempsey came along and beat him to the big shot. Miske, who was born April 12, 1894, passed away in 1924, a victim of Bright's Disease. There were a lot of good fighters around St. Paul in those days and he was managed by popular Jack Reddy.

A setback occurred when he fought Jack Dempsey a six round bout at the old Olympic Club, in Philadelphia, run by Harry Edwards. The verdict by the press, it being a no decision affair, was that Dempsey had a slight edge. Later on, when poor Miske was stricken with his fatal illness, he was kayoed in three rounds by Jack Dempsey at Benton Harbor, Mich., a heavyweight title match, the "Manassa Mauler" being the champ then.

Despite his illness, Miske carried on for several more years until he passed away in 1924 in St. Paul, but he was still knocking them out along the route, among his victims being K.O. Bill Brennan and Willie Meehan, who used to give Jack Dempsey trouble in his early days. The only other Miske set back was at the hands of Kid Norfolk, from New York's Harlem, in a twelve round decision up Boston way. The Dempsey kayo in Benton Harbor was the only fight in which Miske was stopped. Billy fought them all and, like Jack Dillon, showed plenty of class, even though he never became a champion. Those were the good old days although the purses in most instances were insignificant in comparison to the unheard of moneys being earned today.

Marty Owens, 86 years old, old time lightweight, who boxed in 1910 in San Francisco, dropped by to say hello. He's now living in the Inwood section of New York, 207th Street east of Broadway.

On a recent visit to San Francisco, he met Joe Benjamin in The Elks Cub, 450 Post Street, San Francisco, and informs us the boys are giving Joe a dinner for his contribution to boxing. Benjamin, who had quite a ring record in his own right, was sparring partner to Jack Dempsey for several of his stirring fights.

Marty worked in Dempsey's corner for the Chicago fight with Gene Tunney. He was with Billy Roach and typed all of his releases for the Armory fights when they were going full blast.

Marty is a retired foreman. Local 46, New York City, after fifty years service. He is also a member of the No. 1 Lodge, BPOE.

His telephone number is 942-6296, if you want further information.

He also belongs to Veteran Boxers' Association Ring 54.

Another of the gallant fighters of yesteryear passed away in London, England, at the age of forty-nine—Yolande Pompey, who fought Archie Moore for the light heavyweight title in London Pompey had a colorful career. He came to England from Trinidad in 1951. Yolande made a great fight against Moore, who scored a tenth round kayo. He had made a couragous stand in the early going.

SAM TAUB

Yolande was a pleasing personality and better than an ordinarry gladiator. He came into prominence by stopping Australia's Dave Sands in seven rounds at Harringay and later he registered a two-round kayo over Randy Turpin, in Birmingham, England.

Our thanks to the B'Nai B'Rith Sports Lodge Max Kase Founder, #1840, for extending me the honor of life membership at a gettogether at Abe's Restaurant on Third Avenue.

Don Williams of Akron, Ohio, our old pal from the boxing world, who is still interested in the manly art of self-defense, must be clairvoyant. Several months ago, someone picked our pocket and we missed our wallet, which contained my old age card and pictures of some of my grandchildren. However, Don, who is always trying to do a little favor, sent us a beautiful wallet. It's lovely and appreciated. Good luck, Don, to you and your gang and our fistic pals in your territory.

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CASTILLO AND PEREZ WIN

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Phillips got up, but instead of holding on and boxing to stay out of trouble, he kept on coming, and again was tagged with a right hand and floored. So ended Phillips' quest for a championship.

The Reno-Sahara Hotel was the site for a double championship card featuring Nicky Perez-Javier Flores and Reuben Castillo-Warren Matthews.

The Perez-Flores bout was a rematch of a North American super bantamweight title bout held earlier, in which Perez won a twelve-round nod. This time it was for The Ring's new junior featherweight title. Perez was rated one and Flores two.

The contest was close and hard fought. Flores shocked the sellout crowd by scoring a knockdown in the second round of the bout. Perez got up, unhurt. He later stated that the knockdown was really a slip.

Perez came on to press the action and, going toe-to-toe, out-punch Flores the last three rounds to gain the nod on all three judges' cards.

The decision was close and Flores' manager, Marv Jansen, felt Flores had won. Marv hopes for a third bout later this year, with both the U.S. and North American 122-pound titles on the line.

Undefeated Rueben Castillo kept his record intact with a seventh round knockout over New Orleans' Warren Matthews for the vacant U.S. featherweight title.

Castillo, from Bakersfield, Calif., was hard pressed in this contest. Matthews scored to the body and head of the California boy and was ahead on points after the first five rounds.

Reuben started to put it together in the sixth. His speed and power started to show. Warren, slowed down by the body punching of Castillo, started to weaken.

Castillo put Matthews down with a quick left-right combo in the seventh round. Warren beat the count, but was put down two seconds later for the fatal ten.

The third match on the Reno-Sahara card pitted comeback kid Tony Licata, New Orleans, against Los Angeles' Jim Ingram. Tony, a middleweight, gave up weight in this contest to Ingram, who boxes as a light heavyweight.

Licata was hard pressed to gain a ten-round draw. Most ringsiders felt that Ingram had the edge, but to be fair to Licata, he was a last minute sub.

On the under-card of the Sahara-Las Vegas show, U.S. heavyweight king Mike Weaver boxed Los Angeles' Oliver Phillips.

Phillips, 226, looked good for the first two rounds and was holding his own. He used a long left jab to keep Weaver at bay.

Mike looked slow and bored with the bout until he was cut under the left eye in the first round by a left hook. Weaver finished the round taking the bout to Phillips.

The fourth round saw Weaver come out in rage and chase Phillips from one side of the ring to the other. He pinned Oliver on the ropes and hit him with two rights to the head. A left-right flurry put Oliver through the ring ropes and out for the full count. Weaver weighed 206; he's from Las Vegas.

The battle of the Jacksons was the third bout of the night. Howard Jackson, Los Angeles, beat Jimmy Jackson, Los Angeles, over twelve rounds for the Nevada State welterweight championship.

Howard pressed Jimmy for the whole distance, scoring with good left hooks to the head and body. Jimmy never got off the mark and lost the bout big.

The highlight of the evening was when Mosley got into the ring for his bout with Phillips. The champion split his trunks and had to end up wearing Jimmy Jackson's.

What next for the new champions? Mosley must fight Angel Espada, Johnny Sullivan, or Jerry Cheatman, if Tony Chiaverini bypasses. Edgar Ross, who lost to Tony, now finds himself on the outside looking in.

Nicky Perez's list has Juan (Kid) Meza, Las Vegas, David Ramalho, Lowell, Mass., Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, and William Berry, now out of Vegas.

As for Castillo, the men in line for a shot at his crown are: Beto Nunez, Phoenix, Alberto Collazo, Cleveland, and Jimmy Martinez, Houston, Texas.

All Neveda U.S. championship bouts were promoted by Las Vegas Sports Promotions, Tony Trudnich, promoter.

SHAVERS STUNS NORTON

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then we're going to the bank." And that's just what happened!"

The win gives Shavers a shot at the WBC title against Larry Holmes sometime in September. Meanwhile, the Shavers camp plans a light tuneup in June to keep their fighter in constant action.

Three preliminary bouts opened the Holmes-Ocasio title card. Michael Dokes, 209, of Akron, Ohio, maintained his undefeated 12-0 record with a majority decision over Wendell Bailey, 207, of Baltimore, Maryland. Bailey appeared to be the more impressive fighter throughout the ten-round bout, and the decision for Dokes was loudly booed by the crowd at the Hilton Pavilion.

In a second prelim, Larry Holmes' sparring partner, Kevin Isaacs, 196, of New York, won a unanimous decision over Earl Tripp, 195, of Las Vegas. It was Tripp's first bout on a major fight card, and neither he nor Isaacs provided much fistic action.

In a scheduled four-rounder, Eddie Wilson, 204, of Los Angeles, kayoed Henry Washington, 205, of Riverside, Calif., in one minute of the first round.

A capacity crowd of 5,400 witnessed the five-bout title card.

GOLDEN GLOVES

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better be damned good!

As usual, our good friend, Jack Smith, did a fine job of organization. *The New York Daily News* contributes all proceeds to worthy charities. The Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn, and the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York are the beneficiaries, along with the boys who competed and the world of boxing at large.

SACRAMENTO AND VICINITY

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

▲ SAN CARLOS—Light heavyweight Greg McPherson overcame some sloppy middle rounds to win a majority decision over Bash Ali. The fight had no artistic pretenses, but 1,205 screaming customers loved it.

In another ten rounder, Pete McIntyre, 175, Los Angeles, scored a good win over Len Provo, 179, San Diego, on decision.

In an eight rounder, heavyweights Len Lawson and Tony Stone got nobody excited in a slow bout. Lawson won a unanimous decision and earned it. Perhaps the dullness was due to both fighters having fought each other three previous times, sharing wins and a draw.

Finally, Kenny Grooms, 152, L.A., knocked out inept Larry Myers, 160, Long Beach, with a left hook to the chin in the fifth of a scheduled six. Grooms had won all preceding rounds.

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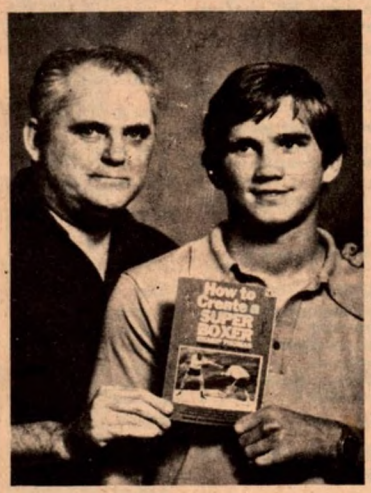

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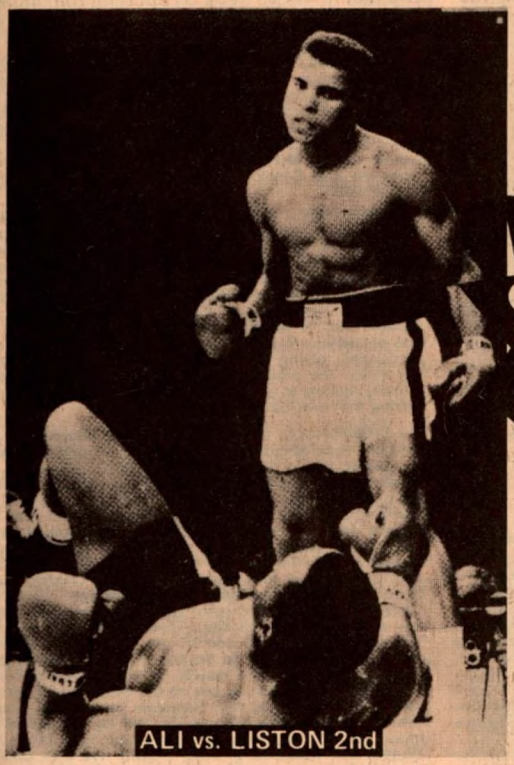

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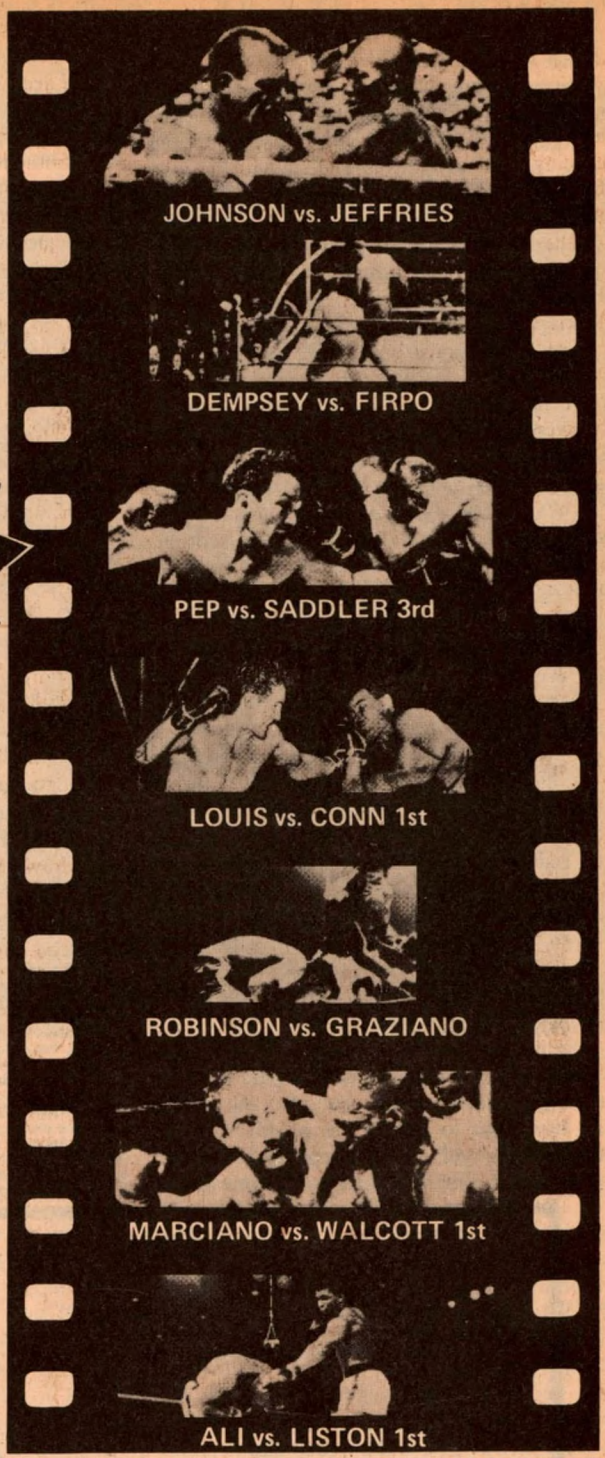

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WORLD RATINGS

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nine, and Argentina's Alfredo Cabral, ten. Both scored wins last month.

Ranzany, Leonard, and Hearns scored wins in the welterweight division. Leonard remains two, Ranzany moves from four to three, and Hearns moves from five to four. Palomino drops from three to five; inactive. Ex-lightweight champion Roberto Daran, Panama, now appears in the welters, rated number seven. Harold Weston, a loser to world champion Wilfred Benitez, falls from nine to ten.

Former WBC junior welter king Saensak Muangsurin has retired. He is replaced in the ratings by new EBU champion Jose Luis Heredia, who defeated Fernando Sanchez for the crown. Heredia is nine. Kimpauani's victory over Aparicio moves him from six to four; O'Grady's win over Jose Hernandez makes him six from eight, and Curry's win over Clinton McKenzie moves him from ten to eight. Marrera drops from nine to ten, inactive.

Termite Watkins' draw with unranked junior welter Teo Osuna drops him from seven to eight. Montes moves in to seventh.

Limon's win over Miguel Estrada moves him from three to two in the junior lights. Chacon and Leon move up a peg each to four and five with victories. Also moving up with wins are Espana and Echegaray. Espana to six from seven and Victor from nine to seven. Carlos Hernandez's victory over Vezzoli for the EBU title makes him number eight and Natale drops from four to nine. Mgxaji is out.

Reuben Castillo's victory over Warren Matthews not only won him the U.S. featherweight championship, but also move him up from four to two in the world. Wins by Lastra and Ayala, move them up in the ratings and Castanon's loss to Danny Lopez drops him from three to four. Breaking back into the world ratings is ex-WBC champion David Kotey, Ghana. He beat Tapsoba Tisa.

Nicky Perez's victory over Javier Flores won him the U.S. junior featherweight title and a number three ranking from number seven. Jose Caba moves from eight to four with a win over Miguel Meza. Dominican Leo Cruz returned to the ratings in the number ten slot. He beat Jose Cervantes.

Los Angeles's Alberto Davila moves from eight to four, with a victory over Ricardo Varela. Sandoval, upset by unranked Eddie Logan, falls from five to nine. Andres Hernandez's upset of Enrique Sanchez gets him back into the top ten, number eight. Sanchez falls out. Zarate beat Mensah Kpalogo in a WBC title bout.

Park Chan-Hee, South Korea, became the new world flyweight king with a decision over Mexico's Miguel Canto. Miguel is now rated second. Dropping out of the top ten due to inactivity are Jose Ortiz, P.R., and Tsutomu Igarashi. Moving into the number ten spot is Los Angeles' Joey Olivio, who beat Lupe Madera.

IN OLDE NEW ENGLAND

By BILLY KOWALCZYK

Don Hamill has retired as our New England correspondent. *The Ring* would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his years of fine service and excellent reportage.

▲ PROVIDENCE, R.I.—Civic Center—In what proved to be an amazing boxing "production," Muhammad Ali showed his fairthful following what he was really made of as the "Vaudevillian of the Boxing Kingdom" clowned, flirted, danced "like a butterfly," and some times "stung like a bee" while winning the hearts and well wishes of all ten thousand fans present. The people of the New England boxing world were delighted with every move the Clown Prince of Boxing made.

The price of admission was a staggering fifty dollars for ringside, twenty-five dollars for the outer perimeter, and fifteen dollars for the bleachers, but that didn't seem to bother anyone who turned up for the boxing carnival. The champ fought two rounds each with Dino Dennis, Alonzo Johnson, and former WBA heavyweight king Jimmy Ellis. The rounds with Ellis were exciting.

Ali is finished, according to everyone who enjoys the "Ali Inner Circle" is concerned, but when I asked the champ if it were true he sadly said, "This time it is. I haven't trained a day since my last title fight. I'm still in shape. but getting too old, and I want to be the first truly undefeated world heavyweight boxing champion.

U.S. middleweight champion Marvin Hagler, 160, methodically annihilated a game, willing, but unequipped Bob Patterson, 159, of Paterson, N.J., in 0:45 of the third round of a scheduled ten-rounder. There were four knockdowns in the second round, and a final left-right combination put Bob down again in the third session. As the knockdown timekeeper tolled "eight," referee Ralph Zannelli stepped in to save him from further punishment.

Former New England lightweight champion Tommy Rose, 131, of Sherborne, Mass., didn't allow his scheduled six-rounder to go beyond 1:25 of the second round as he scored a clean knockout over Bobby DesJardens, 133, Woonsocket, R.I. A solar plexis punch did the trick and the commission doctor immediately leaped into the ring to help Bobby return to normal.

Wilbur "Winging Willie" Henderson, Hartford, Conn., took a lopsided six-round decision over highly rated Tommy DiMarzo in a terrific upset. Wilbur had the people raving.

Steve Zooski, 210, the bruising "Brockton Blockbuster," ended the hopes of Hartford's Johnny Blane as he knocked the game 195-pound Hartford warrior down eight times in two rounds before convincing the referee that he was the master.

Danny Long, 156, South Alston, Mass., won a close decision over talented Ben Sanchez, 157, Lowell, Mass. In the opener, Jimmy McNally, 170, Wilmington, Mass., scored a close win over Danny Tavares, 175, Hartford, in four enjoyable rounds.

▲ HARTFORD, CONN.—Civic Center—New England lightweight champion Louis Davila, 134, Hartford, Conn., defended his title against Joey Phillips, the 130-pound dandy from Pittsfield, Mass., and took a lopsided ten-round decision over his unhappy challenger before a sell-out crowd of 1,700 screaming and well satisfied fans at the New Hartford Civic Center's (lowel level) arena. So pleased wer the happy fans the "news media" that, at the end of the last round of the last fight, they stood up and applauded, giving the promoters the praise they richly deserved. The crowd lingered on long after it was over, happily talking to each other about the perfect night of boxing that had just ended.

▲ SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Civic Center—Gentleman Jim Corkum, the 139-pound beauty from Brockton, showed the packed house Civic Center Exhibition hall that his national rating in The Ring is something he earned, as, once again, he scored a TKO victory. He won the hearts of the New England fight fans by coming from behind after losing the first two rounds to Somers, Connecticut tough guy Charley Benjamin, who, incidentally was six pounds heavier at 145. The first two rounds, for some reason, had Jimmy puzzled as he caught too many of Charley's head blows and his cornerman, faithful manager Vinny Viccione, had a worried frown on his face, looking as if there was an upset in the making. Then, suddenly, Vinny and his charge, the future doctor, got their heads together and figured things out. In the fourth round, Charley Benjamin began feeling the results of the fabulous combinations that make Corkum one of the most feared contenders in the USA's top ten. Benjamin became the catcher and Corkum became the pitcher, and by the end of the round, Charley was wincing from telling body blows that slowed him down to a walk. Round five saw Corkum move in for the knockout, and as he pounded Benjamin at will on the ropes, Charley slipped to the middle strand and the referee gave him a standing eight count. The Corkum stepped in with a ferocious flurry that played a tatoo on Benjamin's head and body with referee Tony Rawson stepping in to save Charley from still further punishment. It was another TKO win for the fighting "Future Doctor," who wants to become the world's welterweight champion before he swaps the gloves for the scalpel.

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By DON SAUER

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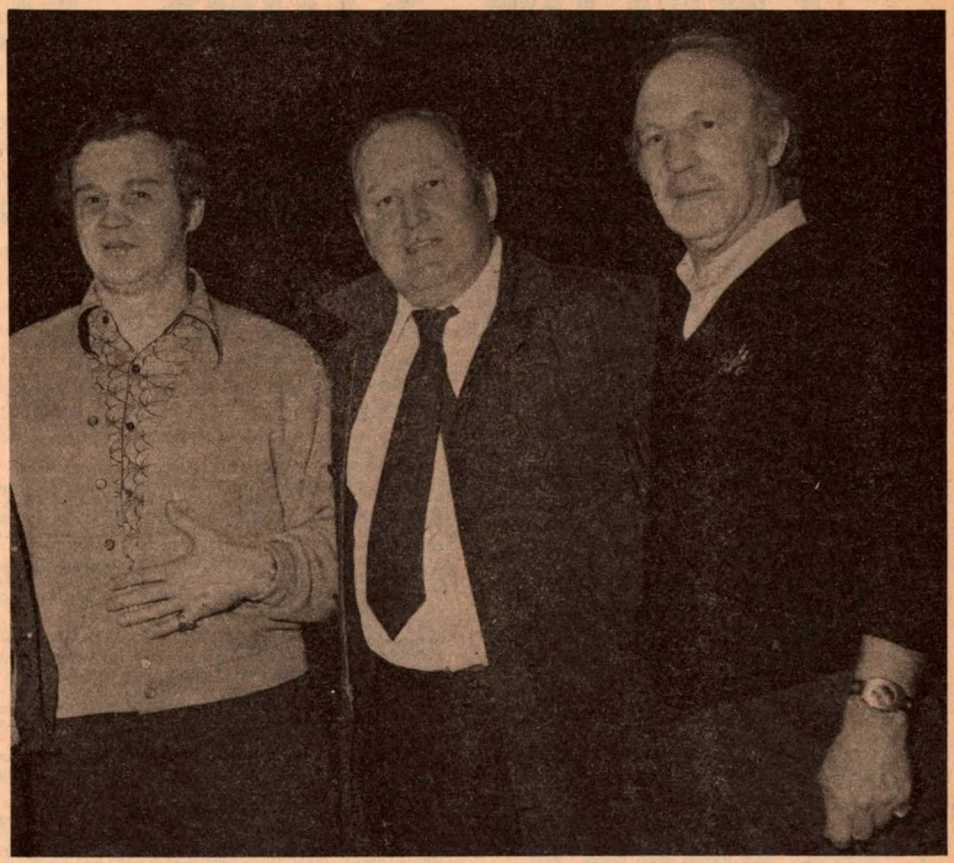

This photograph was taken at the Boston Garden. Left-to-right: former world middleweight champion Paul Pender, "Sailor" Don Sauer, and Charles "Babe" Wood, Pender cornerman of years gone by.

See you next month—keep punching! !

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By DON FRASER

CHACON STOPS FUKUYAMA

LOS ANGELES—Former WBA featherweight kingpin Bobby Chacon had to scramble back from a second round knockdown to stop Shig Fukuyama in the fifth round of their scheduled ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

A 10-1 shortender, Fukuyama brought the crowd to its feet when he fired a right to the jaw that sent Chacon to the floor early in the second round.

Bobby recovered and took charge, scoring with left hooks and right hands to the head. He soon had the Japanese veteran in trouble, and at 1:22 into the fifth, Nori Tatantini, the manager of Shig, tossed in the towel.

Referee Dr. Jen-Kim said he was going to end the bout at the same time the corner threw in the towel.

Chacon, now 27 years old, upped his record to 41-4 with thirty-five knockouts. Bobby weighed 130½, Shig 131.

The show was the first venture of ex boxers Armando Muniz and Jesus Pimentel and attracted a turnout of 2,025 fans and a gate of $12,770.

Other results: Agapito Ramirez, 147, Los Angeles, kayoed Kazunori Shiratori, 146½, Tokyo, nine; Rosendo Ramirez, 130, Mexico, knocked out Takashi Sugimoto, 130, Tokyo, four; Val Holquin, 129, Los Angeles, kayoed Francisco Alvarado, 126, Mexico, three.

▲LOS ANGELES—Little known Eddie Logan of Detroit uncorked a major upset by winning a majority ten-round decision over Albert (Superfly) Sandoval at the Olympic Auditorium.

Sandoval, a 4-1 favorite, was making his first start since getting clobbered by Alfonso Zamora six months before.

It seemed from the outset, Sandoval's timing was off and he couldn't get his combinations working.

Logan, 118, proved tough and probably wrapped up the verdict when he exploded with a minute remaining in the eighth with a furious two fisted attack that backed the Pomona boxer against the ropes.

Albert tried to pull it out the tenth when he buckled Logan's knees with a hard right to the chin. However, Eddie managed to hold him off.

Judge Larry Rozadilla had it even, 96-96, but he was overruled by referee Dick Steele, 97-96 and judge Bobby Ring, 97-94. Sandoval weighed 117½.

The gate was $13,670 with 2,700 folks on hand.

Other results: Desi Newbill, 124½, Los Angeles, kayoed Cris Gutierrez, 121½, Mexico, one; Rocky Garcia, 127½, Los Angeles, knocked out Eliu Hernandez, 127, Los Angeles, three; Iries Perez, 134, Cuba kayoed Elpidio Montes, 135½, Mexico, one.

▲LOS ANGELES—It took Frankie Duarte five rounds to get warmed up, but once he did, he was in control, and went on to decision Francisco Flores in a twelve-rounder for the California featherweight title.

The crowd of 3,400 at the Olympic Auditorium was well entertained and contributed to a gross gate of $10,640.

Duarte, at one time a ranking bantamweight contender, admitted he was rusty from being idle for several months.

Flores roared off to a swift start and gave Duarte a pasting in the early rounds. Frankie made his move in the seventh and landed well with powerful right hands in the final three rounds.

Referee Dick Young favored Duarte, 119-113; judge Rudy Jordan, 116-114, while the lone desenter was judge Al Bernal, who saw it for Flores, 117-114.

Frankie weighed 126, Flores 125.

In the ten-round semi main, Gerald Hayes, 130, San Diego, knocked out Antonio Medina, 129, Mexico, two; other results: Desi Newbill, 134½, Los Angeles and Arturo Villegas, 135½, Los Angeles, drew, four; Refugio Rojas, 134½, Mexico, kayoed Arturo Vidrio, 135½, Los Angeles, six.

▲SAN DIEGO—Augustin Rivera, 136, Mexico City, rallied in the final two rounds to edge David Madrid, 136¼, Los Angeles, in the ten-round main event at the Coliseum.

Other results: Sergio Nualarte, 134½, Mexico, outpointed Arturo Vidrio, 135, Los Angeles, six; Eddie Wilson, 197, Los Angeles, kayoed As-saff Muhammad, 197, San Diego, three; Bernard Graham, 150, San Diego, outpointed Carlos Barragan, 150, Los Angeles, four. The gate was $2,063.

▲BAKERSFIELD—Promising Gonzalo Montellano, 135½, Mexicali, shaded tough Moses Carbin, 136½, Los Angeles, in a pleasing ten-rounder at Strongbow Stadium.

Young Alex Oregel, 128, Mexicali, decisioned veteran Roger Bucheli, 136½, Ecuador, ten rounds.

Val Holguin, 134, Los Angeles, decisioned Rosendo Ramirez, 134, Mexico, six rounds. The gate was $6,865.

▲SAN DIEGO—One of the biggest heavyweights going, Leroy Jones, 260, stormed all over Fili Moala, 245, Samoa, to take a ten-round decision at the Coliseum.

Jones, who is from Denver, proved too fast for the Samoan, who made it interesting.

Irish Bert Lee, 150½, San Diego, halted Jorge Fernandez, 150½, Los Angeles, in the ninth round of their scheduled ten.

Irish Jimmy McNeece, 132, Long Island, N.Y., decisioned Sergio Nualarte, 133, Mexico, six rounds. The gate was $3,783.

▲LOS ANGELES—Running short on fuel in the late rounds cost East Sider Eddie (The Animal) Lopez the decision against Mircea Simon of Romania in their ten-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

Going into the final round, Lopez was ahead on two cards and even a draw in the finale would have gained him a split verdict.

The official scoring went like this: Referee John Thomas, 97-95 (Lopez); judge Chuck Hassett, 96-94 (Simon); and judge Vince Delgado, 95-95.

There were no knockdowns, but there was plenty of action in the fast paced ten-rounder. The Animal had the best of the early rounds, landing in close with many solid right hand punches.

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LOPEZ KAYOES CASTANON

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in nine rounds. Within four months, he lost two more bouts. Then only twenty-two, Lopez considered retiring. "Yeah, I came close to quitting boxing, but then I found God. My wife and I joined the Mormon church and that changed my life. Through prayers I got the confidence I needed to give it one more try."

The one more try has now resulted in a world title.

Despite that three bout slump before his conversion, Lopez's career has been guided by intelligent management and matchmaking. Many names were available for him: Ernesto Marcel, Lionel Hernandez, Arguello, Eder Jofre, and others. Instead, Lopez was matched against some once prominent bantamweights: Oliveres, Chuchu Castillo, Raul Cruz, and others deemed safe—Art Hafey, Jose Torres, Sean O'Grady, and DePaula. He won all those bouts by knockout.

Down the line for Lopez, after Ayala, is Ruben Castillo, and possibly a big money bout with either Wildredo Gomez or Carlos Zarate.

"I'll fight whoever is around," Lopez said, following his victory. "I pretty much train all the time. My wieght doesn't go up and I really don't mind doing the road work each day. That's what does in a lot of guys. I'll always be ready for whoever my manager says I fight."

GOMEZ KO'S JIMENEZ

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perience. (Osuna was 14-4-0 with eleven kayoes.) Unless Watkins had an off night, which is possible, he'd better avoid people like Vilomar Fernandez, Johnny Lira, and, at all costs, Alexis Arguello. As your writer said, he could have had an off night, so we'll just have to keep our eyes on him. At any rate, this was recorded as a ten-round draw.

Hard punching Venezuelan Hugo Rengifo, also making his Madison Square Garden debut, blew an opportunity to lock up shop and go home early when he had Brooklynite Ruby Ortiz hurt early but failed to capitalize and wound up losing a ten-round decision. Rengifo who walked in with a record of 14-0 (twelve kayoes), caught Ortiz early with a left-right-left combination and turned Ruby's knees to jelly. Ortiz (17-2-3 with seven kayoes) covered up well and gave away, the next two rounds while he got his head together. Rengifo just bided his time, assuming that Ortiz would make a mistake and give him another opening. Guess what? Not only did Ruby learn his lesson in the first round, but he did what a fighter has to do against a puncher—he stayed on top of Rengifo so that he wouldn't be able to get the opportunity to get any more bombs off. Rengifo was good, but Ruby Ortiz was better. Write this up as a ten-round decision win for Ortiz.

"Irish" Mike Baker, 160½, knocked out Cleveland's Casey Gacic, 159, in the first bout of the evening.

It was all over at 2:26 of the sixth round.

Perennial junior welterweight contender Saoul Mamby (21-12-5) with eight kayoes) won a predictable ten-round unanimous decision over Norman Goins (19-8-1 with fourteen kayoed) in the walk out. Goins, who gained notoriety of sorts when he put former Olympic champion Howard Davis Jr. on the canvas twice before losing a ten-round decision on national television, was game enough, but Mamby, who has gone the distance against thumpers like Roberto Duran, Antonio Cervantes, and former WBC junior welterweight champ Sensak Muangsurin, was simply too slick for him.

HOPE WINS WBC CROWN; OWEN LOSES IN SPAIN

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to avoid Hope's lefts in round six, but he was caught frequently, and, at times, appeared desperate. The champion was hardly using his right, which suggested that he had injured it when he fell in the opening round. The pattern changed in frame seven, with Mattioli landing two lefts to Hope's jaw, which startled Maurice momentary. The Briton was then forced to the ropes, and took more left handers, allowing Mattioli to book his first round. In heat eight, Mattioli held his own and the round was fairly even. After this amazing recovery, it came as a complete surprise to learn of Mattioli's retirement in the interval to round nine. His wrist was broken in two places and he could no longer continue.

The fight took place in a circus tent on the sea front in San Remo and was witnessed by a crowd of nearly five thousand. Hope is now being offered a million dollars to make a defense against American Sugar Ray Leonard, with the bout taking place in the States.

TA southpaw, Maurice Hope (twenty-seven) was born in Antigua, West Indies. Mattioli, born in Italy, but holder of a Australian passport, is twenty-five and this was only his fifth defeat in thirty-seven bouts, he having won his last seventeen. He won the WBC crown by kayoing German Eckhard Dagge in five rounds in Berlin on August 6th, 1977.

Another Briton, Johnny Owen (twenty-three), fighting away from home, was not so fortunate as Maurice Hope. Owen was challenging Juan Francisco Rodriguez, Spain, for the latter's European bantamweight title. The bout took place at Almeria, Spain, the day before the Hope-Mattioli fight, and Rodriguez won the fifteen-rounder on points. The champion, although favored by the third man, Marcello Bertini, Italy, when it came to the verdict, found himself cautioned three times in the first two rounds for holding. In the fifth, he was warned for butting and in round twelve received a public warning which lost him the round. It took almost five

minutes for the officials to do their arithmetic and the ring was full of excited Spaniards, which did not help any. Bertini made Rodriguez the winner by 145-144, one judge made it a draw 146-146, and the other favored the champion by 145-144.

The bout was made over fifteen rounds, which was contrary to the EBU rules which were amended in November last, reducing the number of rounds for a European title fight from fifteen to twelve. Rodriguez (twenty-nine), was a good amateur, winning the flyweight title at Madrid in 1971 and a silver at the 1974 world championships. At the Munich Olympics, he made the quarter finals. Turning professional rather late at twenty-seven, he has now won eleven of his fourteen starts. He lost in five rounds to WBC champion Carlos Zarate.

The Spanish authorities deducted $4,000 from Owen's purse money. They say this amount is owing to a Spanish boxer who fought in Britain last year.

Danny O'Sullivan, Peter Keenan (twice), and Alan Rudkin are all Britons who, like Owen, failed to win the bantamweight crown when meeting Spaniards. The last Briton to hold the title was Johnny Clark in 1973. Joe Bowker (GB) was the first champion, reigning in 1910, and since then, the division has come up with one hundred title bouts. Rodriguez won the crown by beating Italian Franco Zurlo on September 16, 1978.

Frenchman Alain Marion, ex-European welterweight champion, has retired following his recent surprise defeat by a ten-year older opponent, Costa Azevedo. Marion won the crown on December 17, 1977, beating German Jorg Eipel, the latter laying in a hospital for twenty-five days following the bout. Marion was dethroned by Dane Jorgen Hansen last year.

JAMES SCOTT STOPS KATES

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sey State middleweight title by gaining a split decision over Ray Kates. The fight was even going into the twelfth and final round but Jones appeared fresher and was able to stick and move throughout the round to gain the win.

The other fights saw Andrew Coe, 161, knock out Ben Ferguson, 165, at 1:54 of the second round and Mike Stancil, 172, gain the decision over Ben Savage, 164.

OLIVO BEATS MADERA

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saw former flyweight champ Guy Espadas, 114, Merida, Yucatan, kayo Bobby Ruiz of Piedras Negras in the seventh round. It was Espadas' thirty-ninth triumph against only two ring setbacks. In the fourth round, Guty slashed the right eye of Ruiz with left-hand combinations and the steady flow of blood from the eye rendered Ruiz unable to continue.

Mexico's Freddie Castillo, 112, the ex-world flyweight king, didn't fare too well before the mammoth Texas crowd. Castillo lost a onesided and unanimous ten-round verdict to tough Jose Gallegos, 112, of Monterrey. Gallegos, 39-6 with 29 kayoes, broke Castillo's nose in the fifth stanza. Castillo, a right-handed battler, sported a southpaw style hoping to befuddle his opponent. "He played right into my hands and he fought my kind of fight all the way," replied Gallegos. "I wish I could have stopped him in the fifth, but you can't always have everything. I thought because Castillo used to be the champ the fans here would cheer for him. They gave me support instead and I thank them. I hope to fight in Houston again," added the winner.

Local fighter Robert Turner, 142½, of Dallas, uncorked the biggest upset of the thrill-packed night with a blistering two-round kayo over Jose Baquedano, 147, of Merida, Yucatan. Turner, 15-3, jolted Baquedano to the floor twice with hard righthands in the second heat before the carnage was halted at 2:35. Turner was upset before the fight because Baquedano was twenty-five minutes late getting into the ring. It was Jose's third setback against thirty-two wins. In a lively preliminary brawl, Juan Venegas, 133½ of Houston, stopped Wilburn Lawson of Dallas at 2:55 of the fifth round. Venegas upped his ring record to 4-1.

KNOETZE CASE

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GARDNER TKO'S KORANICKI

Royal Albert Hall, London—It was Britain versus America in the two top-liners, ending with two home victories. Both were deserved, but neither bout was without some controversy.

British heavyweight champion John L. Gardner had a whale of a fight with Philadelphia Mike Koranicki, finally outgaming him, with the contest being stopped at the end of the ninth and penultimate round when referee Sid Nathan considered that the injury to Mike's left eye was too serious for him to continue.

Some alleged that the injury was no worse than it had been for the last few rounds, but referee Nathan was adamant. Koranicki and his corner protested, and the American fighter obviously wanted to go the full distance.

Joe Frazier looks after Mike, but was not able to make the trip, and former middleweight star George Benton was in the corner. While stating that Mike could have gone on, George admitted that the cut was bad, and sometimes the referee knows what is best for the boxer more than the boxer himself.

No one could grumble at the fight itself, which was full of action from start to finish. Main difference was that Gardner kept punching, hardly pausing for breath, whereas the American worked mainly in spasms.

Koranicki at times caught his man with hard right hands, and Gardner was stopped in his tracks momentarily, yet came back almost immediately with two-handed attacks of his own.

Mike (6 ft., 4 in.) towered over his opponent, and there was a distinct difference in weight, Gardner scaling 205¾, the American 217½. John jabbed, hooked and uppercutted to good effect, and one might have thought that Koranicki was the British representative as he flicked out long lefts to the head in an effort to keep his man at bay.

Mike was cut by the left eye in the second round, and this was completely closed by the end, due to the accuracy and frequency of Gardner's right hand punching.

Mike started slowly, and it wasn't until the fourth that his punches had any effect at all. At times, the fans shuddered as the American landed what seemed to be lethal blows on John's jaw, but the latter showed no signs of being hurt.

The American also had a good fifth, landing some good hooks from both hands, with John seemingly content to wait and pick his punches. Toe-to-toe in the sixth, many hard blows were exchanged, and the fans were on their feet cheering at this "survival of the fittest" struggle.

Gardner must have been in front by virtue of his landing more scoring puunches, but Koranicki was still very much in the fight, and there was always the possibility that one of hir rights to the chin might have the desired effect.

The trouble was that the American's eye injury was worsening. His corner was doing an excellent job in keeping it under control, but it must have been impairing his vision, which he needed in full to try and stop the non-stop attacks of Gardner, who had increased the tempo as the fight progressed.

The eighth and ninth both went to Gardner; he was clearly in front. Then came the referee's intervention. A disappointed Koranicki, but he got a tremendous reception, which he thoroughly deserved. That performance will do his prestige a lot of good. Gardner said afterwards that he had a touch of food poisoning before the fight, but no one would have known, as he gave his usual display of strength, stamina and determination.

If he proves as good a heavyweight champion as his namesake, Jack Gardner (no relation), who died recently, he'll be all right.

Charlie Magri, British flyweight champion, "knocked out" American Mike Stuart, 110¾, in the third, and rarely can there have been more controversy than in this contest.

By that time, Magri looked to have matters well in hand, and early in that round, Stuart went down from what appeared to be a push, rather than a punch.

A count was started, however, and Stuart was up almost immediately, only to be driven towards a neutral corner. The American was leg weary, and was trying desperately to hold on.

Magri tried just as desperately to extricate himself from the clinch, and eventually did so by pulling his man around by one arm, pushing him with the other as he went past.

Stuart landed up almost in the lap of European middleweight champion Alan Minter, who was helping with the radio commentary on the fight.

The referee counted, and with Stuart failing to get to his feet in time, Magri was adjudged the winner on a knockout.

In fairness to referee Mark Hart, himself a fine scrapper both as amateur and pro, he did not have the advantage of TV Action Replay, which confirmed what most fans had thought, that it was indeed a push, which should have earned Magri a censure and Stuart a short rest before continuing.

The only one really affected by the decision was Magri, who instead of leaving the ring to cheers, left it to boos. Forgetting all this controversy, Stuart had proved good opposition as long as the fight lasted. He opened a cut on Magri's left eye, possessed a good jab, and was game enough. How many more rounds he would have lasted is anyone's guess, but it looked as if Charlie was ready to go for the kill.

As Magri meets better opposition, he seems to improve all the time. He is so good right now that it must be proving difficult to get the right type of opponents before tackling the top men.

Some time ago, in *The Ring*, I wrote that, with the retirement of John McCluskey, it was unlikely that Britain would again produce a top flyweight good enough to challenge for the world crown. I was wrong, and how glad I am to have been wrong. There is always something special about the perfect knockout. It came when Jimmy Flint, Wapping, 125, caught Sammy Meck, Cameroons, 128, with an accurate left hook in the sixth of a scheduled eight-rounder.

It was one of those delayed-action situations. Meck went down, rose, only to find that his legs were out of control, and down he went again for the full count.

This had been an excellent contest, with Meck providing formidable opposition, catching his man with hard punches from both hands. Flint boxed coolly and competently for a couple of rounds, with Meck improving from the third and more than holding his own in the middle rounds.

Meck was through the ropes in the fifth, and didn't look too happy when he rose. Yet, at the beginning of the sixth, he was fighting right back and was still very much in the contest when over came that left hook.

A stern test for Flint, and he came through it with honors.

John Feeney, Hartlepool, 121¼, kept his unbeaten record by beating Tony Kerr, Aberdeen, 115¾, the bout being stopped in the sixth of a scheduled eight when the latter was taking punishment on the ropes.

Kerr was decked in the fourth, fifth, and twice in the sixth, but nevertheless put up a good fight before conceding defeat.

Chris Sanigar, Bristol, 140, was another to maintain his undefeated record, stopping Benny Purdy, Banbridge, 140¼, in the third.

It was Sanigar's seventh win in a row, and he was pounding away almost at will when the referee's intervention came.

Winston Spencer, Peckham, 139, kayoed Eric Wood, Doncaster, 136, in three with a left hook to the body.

Steve Lewin, Streatham, 168½, outscored Mick Morris, Wolverhampton, 166, over six by 60-58.

▲ **Wembley Conference Centre**—SUPPORTS TO MINTER vs ROBLES: Colin Powers, 138½, regained the British light welterweight title by narrowly outpointing champion Clinton McKenzie, 139¾, over fifteen rounds by 148-147.

This victory also meant that Powers had won a Lonsdale Belt outright, previous wins being over Des Morrison and Chris Walker.

When these two met two years previously, Powers knocked out Mac in two rounds, but it was only the latter's fifth contest as a pro, and he proved that he is now a top-class performer, worthy to hold the title, and only losing it after a fight of the highest standard, in every way a true championship bout.

There was no let-up. These two punched themselves out in their efforts to win, and although hurt, always came back for more. Powers jabbed accurately, but so did southpaw McKenzie. It was a crowd-pleaser of the first order, and in view of the hectic exchanges it was a credit to both men that it was not until the eleventh round that referee Harry Gibbs had to step in, when he issued a warning to McKenzie for pulling his man on to the punch.

There was continuous applause from the fans, especially at the start of the final round, and it was punch for punch until the end. McKenzie was marked by both eyes, and was desperately disappointed when the result was announced. One of those bouts where it was a pity there had to be a loser.

The 23-year-old Powers thus made it twenty-one wins in twenty-four contests (one draw, two defeats), and for McKenzie it was his third loss in seventeen bouts. Colin will now attempt to win back the European title that he lost five months earlier on a controversial stoppage. McKenzie's chance to regain his crown must come.

Joey Mack, Birmingham, 149, put the cat among the pigeons by beating the hard-punching Mick Mills, Sheffield, 150, the bout being stopped in the third after the latter had been decked.

Mills had won seventeen in a row, and looked like making it eighteen as he deposited his man on the canvas twice in the first two rounds with hard left hooks, and it is to Mack's credit that he not only survived, but came right back.

In the third, Mack kept throwing right hooks. Then a left, followed by a right, put Mills down. He was up at eight, but turned away as his opponent came in, and referee Harry Gibbs stopped it.

Southern Area light heavyweight champion Johnny Waldron, 174¾, outscored Shaun Chalcraft, Crawley, 179½, over eight by 79½-78. Waldron was cut around both eyes, and Chalcraft was warned three times. The referee also spoke to both men in the fifth and seventh after close-quarter exchanges.

Waldron tried hard to establish superiority, but Chalcraft mainly relied on defensive tactics, especially in the first half of the fight.

Joe Awome, Golders Green, won his pro debut in impressive style, beating Clive Beardsley, Melbourne, 215, the referee interveing in the second. Former British and Commonwealth heavyweight amateur champ Awome jabbed and hooked with authority, and although there were no knockdowns, Beardsley had had enough and had stopped punching back when it was stopped.

Jimmy Harrington, Biggleswade, 164½, beat John Breen, Belfast, 162½, who retired at the end of the second with a cut mouth.

Austin Owens, 126½, outpointed Selvin Bell, Manchester, 130¼, by 59½-57½, over six. Bell was down three times.

National Sporting Club, London—Sylvester Gordon, Peckham, 142, outscored Ireland's Tommy Davitt, 142, over eight by 78½-78.

When they met before, the result was a draw, and they are obviously evenly matched.

Gordon left-jabbed to good effect in the early rounds, but fortunes fluctuated as the fight progressed. Davitt bled profusely from a cut on the nose and was marked by the left eye, but he rallied strongly in the last couple of rounds, just failing to get on even terms.

Lee Graham, Finchley, 127, outpointed John Cooper, Mitcham, 127, over eight by 80-77½- not losing a round. Graham boxed coolly and competently, and Cooper was down in the final session.

No trouble for Lloyd James, Finchley, 167½, who comfortably outpointed Boyd Farrar, Hayes, 169½, over six by 60-58, not losing a round. James' work-rate was much superior, and Farrar was marked by the left eye.

Gary Pearce, Newport, 141¾, outscored Peter Snowshall, Burnt Oak, by 59½-58½ over six.

▲ **Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham**—It is often said that a good big 'un will invariably beat a good little 'un, but this didn't happen when bantamweight John Feeney, Hartlepool, 121¾, outscored featherweight Alan Robertson, Newcastle, 127½, over eight by 78½-78.

Feeney thus kept his unbeaten record, and boxed well, using his left jab to fend off the persistent aggression of his heavier opponent. Robertson must have been disappointed at not getting a share of the honors, but the verdict looked right.

Substitute George Walker, Highgate, 153½, outpointed Har y Watson, Doncaster, over six by 58½-58. Nothing in it at any time, with Walker's cleaner punching probably just turning the scales.

Joey Spring, Liverpool, 114, kayoed Jacky Dinning, 115, in the opening round with a peach of a right. Dinning's head hit the canvas as he fell, and he was "out" for a minute.

▲ **North Staffs Sporting Club, Stoke**A fine display of pluck by Dennis Pryce, Wolverhampton, who broke a bone in his right hand in round two and still got a draw with Roy Varden, Nuneaton, 147.

Pryce's performance was all the more praiseworthy as he came in as a substitute, and it was the first time he had boxed over eight rounds. The fans appreciated this and rewarded both men with nobbins.

Allan Bagley, Birmingham, outscored Clive Beardsley, Melbourne, 220, over six by 59½-57½.

Debutant Lloyd Hibbitt, West Bromwich, 139, did well to outpoint substitute Tommy Wright, Doncaster, 139, over six by 59½-58. The vastly more experienced Wright recently made a comeback after two years' inactivity, and the nineteen-year-old Hibbitt must have gained a lot of confidence after this victory.

Another come-back campaigner is Roy Skeldon, Tipton, 178, who outscored Rocky Burton, Nuneaton, over four by 39½-39. Inactive for five years until returning to the ring four months ago, Skeldon kept up a persistent attack.

▲ **Seymour Hall, London**—Ray Cattouse, 133½, won his final elimination for the British lightweight title by beating Johnny Claydon, 135, the bout being stopped in the tenth after the latter had been down twice.

Claydon's Southern Area crown was also at stake.

In a gruelling contest, it was Cattouse who lasted the pace better, and Claydon looked very weary in that tenth session.

Both sustained injuries. Claydon had cuts by the left eye in the second and third rounds, and one by the right eye in the eighth. Cattouse was cut by the left eye in the tenth, and it was as well that he managed to finish the fight in that session, otherwise the injury might have cost him the contest.

Cattouse started slowly, but got his punches together in the middle rounds, and his excellent physical condition stood him in good stead when the going got tough.

In the later rounds, Claydon's punching was sometimes not accurate, whereas Cattouse had settled into a rhythm, and that's the way it stayed.

No longer was Claydon scoring with those hefty right crosses and it was Cattouse whose right hand found its target and put his opponent down for eight.

Claydon got up, brave as they come, and hurled himself forward, both hands working. But the power was gone, and it wasn't long before Johnny was down again. When he rose, referee Sid Nathan intervened.

An excellent contest, with credit to both men. Cattouse deserved the congratulations of his manager, Terry Lawless, who could well produce yet another champion for his successful stable. Ray has been one of the unsung heroes in the past, but let no one now doubt his ability.

Sid Smith, Forest Hill, 140, outpointed Eric Wood, Doncaster, 137½, over eight by 80-76½, not losing a round. Substitute Wood retreated throughout, which didn't make the fans very happy, but he was available to replace Billy Rabbitt, who was involved in a car accident on his way to London.

John Daly, Northampton, 135, drew with Tommy Burling, Manor Park, 137, over six. Burling was cut on the left cheek in the fourth.

Gary Nickels, Paddington, 125, outscored John Cooper, Mitcham, 127½, by 79-77½ over eight. Gary was good value for his victory, but Cooper kept the pressure on, and put up a good scrap against the superior skills of his opponent.

▲ **Top Rank Suite, Reading**—Tommy Kiely, Brighton, 206¾, won the Southern Area heavyweight title by outpointing former holder Les Stevens, 199, over ten by 98½;97½, and at the same time put paid, at least temporarily, to Stevens' ambitions to fight for the British title.

Kiely is from the Alan Minter stable, managed by Doug Bidwell, who was delighted at his boxer's success, but stressed that the 23-year-old Kiely would not be rushed.

There were no knockdowns. Stevens weighed the heaviest of his career, but it didn't seem to help, and when things got a bit desperate towards the end, Les was warned in each of the three final rounds for dangerous use of the head.

Kiely had his bad moments, especially in the fourth, but he survived and used his southpaw jabs to pierce his opponent's guard on numerous occasions.

In the later stages, Tommy brought his left crosses into play, and, with Stevens getting more and more reckless, these punches frequently found their targets.

Stevens was not his usual sharp self; Kiely boxed a little above himself. That was the difference between them, and full marks to Tommy for a fine performance. He was cut by the right eye, but not until the dying seconds of the bout.

Herol Graham, Sheffield, 155, narrowly outscored Dave Southwell, Cardiff, 151½, by 78½-78 over eight. Graham always looked as if he might establish superiority, but never really did.

Lloyd James, Finchley, 167½, kayoed Reg Squire in round three. In previous meetings, James had won twice (both inside two rounds) and Squire once (in one round).

Gary Cooper, Lymington, 147, drew with Alan Hardiman, Hemel Hempstead, 152, over six. Hardiman was decked in the fourth and cut by the left eye.

▲ **Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester**—Jimmy Brown, Liverpool, 129, outpointed Najib Daho, Morocco, based in Manchester, 132, over eight by 69-78½.

A narrow victory, and many thought the loser deserved at least a share of the spoils.

Tony Carroll, Liverpool, 142, outpointed Dai Davies, Swansea, 141, over eight, also by the closest possible margin of 79-78½. Boxer Carroll versus fighter Davies, the result a fair one.

Nigel Thomas, Swansea, 141, outscored Jess Harper, 142, by 59½-58. The latter did well, but is obviously finding it difficult after a period of inactivity.

Stan Atherton, Liverpool, 142, outpointed Frank McCord, Swansea, by 60-58½ over six, not losing a round.

▲ **National Sporting Club, London**—Roy Gumbs, Tottenham, 159, won the Southern Area middleweight title by beating champion Jan Magdziarz, Eastleigh, 158½, the bout being stopped after Jan had been down eight times.

It was Jan's first contest in nearly a year, and it showed. His left eyebrow was cut in the third, and he afterwards announced his retirement from the ring.

Gumbs is improving with every fight. He can box and he can punch, and on this form could be among the top men very soon.

Terry Petersen, Leeds, 145, kept his Central Area welterweight crown by beating Chris Glover, Liverpool, 144½, the fight being stopped in the sixth after Glover had been decked.

A hard contest, with Glover having his moment until the fifth, when Petersen stepped up the pace, and Glover found it difficult to respond. The latter was pushed down in this round, but the referee rightly indicated that it was not a knockdown.

Pat Smythe, Gainsborough, 147, outpointed Jimmy Smith, Tottenham, 148½, over six by 59½-58½.

▲ **World Sporting Club, London**—British lightweight champion Charlie Nash outscored American Luis Vega over eight by 80-76, which indicated that Nash had won every round. No weights were announced.

The British Boxing Board of Control had to consider Vega's record before giving their blessing to this contest. It was stated that although Vega had lost his last fourth bouts, he was considered a suitable opponent because he normally went the full distance. As, indeed, he did on this occasion.

Vega was warned frequently for ducking low and for hitting

COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
John L. Gardner (E)
1. Trevor Berbick (C)
2. Les Stevens (E)
3. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
4. George Chuvalo (C)
5. Billy Aird (E)
6. Paul Sykes (E)
7. Tony Moore (E)
8. Steve Aczel (A)
9. Tommy Kiely (E)
10. Denton Ruddock (E)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Gary Summerhays (C)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Lotte Mwale (Z)
3. Mustapha Wassaja (U)
4. Tony Mundine (A)
5. David Conteh (E)
6. Bunny Johnson (E)
7. Ernie Barr (B)
8. Rab Affleck (S)
9. Victor Attivor (G)
10. Rocky St. Clair (A)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Ayub Kalule (U)
1. Alan Minter (E)
2. Frankie Lucas (St. Vin.)
3. Kevin Finnegan (E)
4. Monty Betham (NZ)
5. Wally Carr (A)
6. Eddie Melo (C)
7. Bunny Sterling (E)
8. Fernand Marcotte (C)
9. Scorpion Ofosu (G)
10. Al Korovou (A)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Maurice Hope (Ant)
1. Rocky Mattioli (A)
2. Jimmy Batten (E)
3. Elisha Obed (B)
4. Dave Proud (E)
5. Kenny Bristol (G)
6. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)
7. Robbie Davies (E)
8. Larry Paul (E)
9. Mark Barnett (A)
10. Prince Rodney (E)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. David Green (E)
2. Hector Thompson (A)
3. Henry Rhiney (E)
4. John H. Stracey (E)
5. Neil Pattel (A)
6. Chris Clarke (C)
7. Sakarai Ve (Fi)
8. Eddie Marcel (T)
9. Vernon Lewis (Gu)
10. Roy Goss (Tr)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Jeff Malcolm (A)
1. Lachie Austin (A)
2. Colin Powers (E)
3. Clinton McKenzie (E)
4. Des Morrison (J)
5. Frank Ropis (A)
6. Josef Nsubuga (U)
7. Obisia Nwankpa (N)
8. Al Ford (C)
9. Tommy Davitt (E)
10. Joey Singleton (E)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Hogan Jimoh (N)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Claude Noel (T)
3. Len Blackmore (Gu)
4. Chzrlie Nash (I)
5. Barry Michael (A)
6. Ray Cattouse (E)
7. Johnny Claydon (E)
8. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (U)
9. Gaetan Hart (C)
10. Ralph Racine (C)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Eddie Ndukwu (N)
1. Dave Needham (E)
2. Pat Cowdell (E)
3. Patrick Forde (Gu)
4. Les Pickett (W)
5. Jimmy Flint (E)
6. Brian Roberts (A)
7. Nick Lo Bianco (A)
8. Metat Balla (A)
9. Gerry Duffy (S)
10. Paul Chance (E)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Owen (W)
1. Paul Ferreri (A)
2. Sulley Shittu (G)
3. Dave Smith (E)
4. Gary Davidson (E)
5. Charlie Brown (A)
6. John Feeney (E)
7. Jim Bowen (A)
8. George Sutton (W)
9. Charlie Parvin (S)
10. Alan Ashby (A)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrick Mambwe (Z)
1. Charlie Magri (E)
2. Steve Bell (A)
3. Pedro Solo (A)
4. Ray Amoo (N)
5. Glen Walsh (A)
6. Roger Richens (A)
7. Neil McLaughlin (I)
8. John Hipwell (A)
9. Bryn Griffith (W)
10. Junior Thompson (A)

John Aba (Papua) is the junior lightweight champion. Contenders are David Kotey (G), Kazeen Armah (N), Jean Lapointe (C), and Glenn Howard (A).

Legend: (An) Antigua; (A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (C) Canada; (D) Dominica; (E) England; (Fi) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghanda; (Gu) Guyana; (In) India; (I) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigerio; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (T) Trinidad; (To) Tongo; (U) Uganda; (W) Wales; (Z) Zambia.

with the open glove, but he kept going, showed agression, and it was not difficult to see why he makes a habit of going the full route.

This was just academic exercise for Nash, who used the ring well and kept his southpaw right hand pumping into his opponent's face as the American came forward.

Martyn Galleozzie, Merthyr, 133½, beat Najib Daho, Manchester, 133, who was disqualified in the sixth of a scheduled eight for "butting."

Too much holding, with Galleozzie cut on the nose in the fourth and Daho's nose bleeding in the sixth. Almost halfway through this round, Daho was warned for butting, and while he was being censured it was seen that Galleozzie's right eye was cut.

The referee inspected the injury, then disqualified Daho.

Mike Copp, Swansea, 160, narrowly outscored Terry Knight, Brighton, 152, by 59-58½ over six. Knight did well early on, but Copp was more aggressive in the later stages.

Ian Cole, Brighton, 148, beat John Chard, Newport, 150, the referee stopping it in the second when Chard was cut by the right eye.

▲ **Arden Sporting Club, Birmingham**—Joe Awome, 218, born in Birmingham but living in London, beat Alan Bagley, Birmingham, 203, the bout being stopped after fifty-one seconds of the first round.

The stoppage was controversial. Bagley protested that he had merely been defending and that he was in no sort of trouble. But he had not been fighting back as Awome rained blow after blow on him, which must have made the referee's task a difficult one.

In their two previous meetings at this venue, Roger Guest, Dudley, 142, and Nigel Thomas, Swansea, 142, had boxed draws, both of which brought nobbins. This time Guest won on points over eight by 79½-78.

It came as no surprise when nobbins again showered into the ring afterwards. The two boxers shared £160, the best-ever nobbins for a Midlands club.

Toe-to-toe almost throughout, with Guest finishing the stronger, and deserving his victory. But it takes two to make a fight, and Thomas gets full marks for his part in making it a contest to remember.

Gary Bell, Putney, 130, beat debutant Jimmy Hancock, Liverpool, 129, the bout being stopped as the bell ended the third round with the latter under pressure after a promising opening. Ball was cut on the forehead, a signal for him to turn on the aggression.

Alan Worthington, Liverpool, 164½, narrowly outscored debutant Emmanuel Lucas, Leicester, 165½, over six by 59p58½.

▲ **Wolverhampton Sporting Club**—Granville Allen, Wednesbury, 140, beat Tommy Dunn, Reading, 139, the referee intervening in the seventh of a scheduled eight after Dunn had been down five times.

Tommy afterwards announced his retirement from the ring.

When they met before, Allen won on points, but this time the writing was on the wall as early as the third, when Dunn was down twice.

Tommy Wright, Doncaster, 136, beat Gary Newell, Wolverhampton, 142, the referee intervening in round two when Newell was cut by the left eye.

Clifton Wallace, Birmingham, 155, had Joey Saunders, Nottingham, 159, on the canvas in the opening round, but couldn't keep him there, and after six hard rounds, Wallace had to settle for a points win by 59-58.

Alec Irvine, Corby, 125, defeated John Henry, Leicester, 125½, the bout being stopped in the fourth of a scheduled six when the latter had been decked three times.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

By RAY MITCHELL

▲Rocky Gattellari was in financial difficulties. He had a restaurant, but was forced to close it. "I'll have to fight again," he said to two wealthy men, John Singleton and John Laws, the former a man who made a fortune in advertising and recently became a TV compere, the latter a top radio announcer.

Singleton and Laws offered to set him up but Gattellari said he "would not accept charity." So the two Johns agreed to promote Gattellari in a fight.

Rocky Gattellari was flyweight champion of Australia, 1962-64, grew into a bantam, took a beating from Lionel Rose, had one more bout, and retired. That was in June, 1968. Now, at age thirty-seven, and more than ten years out of action, he planned to make a return to the ring—for one fight only.

Rocky's brother, Lucky, who retired in 1973 as featherweight champion of Australia, also decided on a comeback, age twenty-nine.

Singleton and Laws really got the publicity going. Rocky was matched with current bantam and feather champion Paul Ferreri for the Australian featherweight title. Lucky was paired with Barry Michael, current lightweight champion, for Barry's title. Neither Gattellari was stepping over a contender, as Ferreri had cleared the decks of contenders for his crowns, while Michael took on number one and beat him only sixteen days prior to meeting Lucky.

The two Johns announced six title fights on the one bill, one of which—the Australian junior light—was not recognized or sanctioned by the Australian Boxing Federation.

The program, billed as Rocky Arvo, took place at the Sydney Showground, indoors in the Hordern Pavilion. A capacity house of 5,700 brought a gate of just over $95,000—and at least one thousand fans were turned away.

The arrangement with the Gattellaris was unusual. The two Johns did not wish to make money from this. They paid the boxers' guarantees (not large), they paid for the whole promotion, which came to $73,000, and the Gattellari brothers were to get all the profits—which they did.

Unfortunately, what could have been a good program was not. It began all right with Glenn Howard, 128¾, knocking out Allen Hedger, 129½, in the fourth round—and Hedger was really out. Hedger had won the first three rounds in what was a willing battle but that left hook that Howard unleashed cancelled out all scorecards.

This was followed by another ten, for the inaugural junior featherweight championship of Australia. Brian Roberts, 122, was far too smart for courageous Metat Balla, 121, and won well on points. Balla did not win a round.

The came the Australian lightweight title tilt between Barry Michael, 134¼, and Lucky Gattellari, 134. This was a good fight—while it lasted. Gattellari scored with punches that Michael did not expect, but Barry is made of stern stuff. He went on with Gattellari, decked him once in round two, twice in round three. Game Gattellari quickly regained his feet each time, but when he returned to his corner at the end of the third round, his chief second, John Dalleen, called referee Trevor Christian to the corner and hauled down Lucky's flag.

Lucky went wild. He abused Dalleen. He wanted to continue but Dalleen said later that Lucky's eyes were glazed and he did not want him to get hurt. Rightly so, as Michael would have stopped him in a round or two more.

Lucky Gattelari had no cause to reproach himself.

Trevor Christian, who had refereed the first three bouts, finished his job for the day and Gus Mercurio stepped in to referee the next two—and these were one-sided. Wally Carr, 160, who twice defended his Australian middleweight title two months earlier, met a Fijian named Chotka Krisna, 157¾, who boxed as John Krisna. This man had had only one fight in Australia. That was four months earlier, when he stopped Benny Holt, rated Aussie middle. His residential credentials were checked. He had been living in Australia for more than twelve months, so was qualified. His defeat of Holt entitled him to be in there with Carr, who had stopped his leading contenders.

But Krisna was not in Carr's class. Dumped in the first and second rounds from apparently light blows, he nevertheless fought back strongly, took some hard punches and gave some. But when Wally turned on the pressure in the third round, Krisna went down again, whereupon Gus Mercurio stopped the fight and crowned Carr.

The next bout, billed for the heavyweight championship of the South Seas, was not a match. Tony Mundine, light heavy and heavy champion of Australia, originally was paired with Mani Vaka, but Vaka was halted by Sunia Cama in Fiji, it was reported, so Cama was substituted. Then Cama twisted an ankle only days before the fight and another Fijian, Ananai Curubera, was substituted.

The only thing Curubera had on Mundine was weight—181½ to 175¾. He was outclassed, though game. In the second round, Tony opened up and dropped the Fijian for the full count.

The crowd was not happy as the main eventers climbed into the ring. This one was billed for twelve rounds, whereas each of the others was set for ten. And there was more hatred in the ring in this one than in any I have encountered.

Gattellari, 126, had been denegrating Ferreri, 125¾, for weeks and the normally placid Ferreri was incensed about it.

It fell to my lot to referee this one, and as I was giving instructions in mid-ring, Gattellari stated to abuse Ferreri. Paul answered him in annoyed tones, and I had to shut them up.

There was no handshake. At the first bell they tore into each other like Kilkenny cats. After exchanging a few blows they clinched. In order to prevent mayhem I dragged them apart physically and spoke sternly to them. They resumed and they were intent on annihilating each other. In the third round I had to use great force to pride them apart. Gattellari flew back about three paces, Ferreri a couple, from the break.

No knockdowns, though Ferreri won each of the three rounds contested. Then came a shock. John Dalleen called me to the corner at the end of the third and said: "Stop the fight." Amazed, as Gattellari had not been dazed and always had been a gutsy fighter, I turned to Rocky and asked: "What's the trouble, Rocky?" He just smiled and said: "That's it. I don't want to fight any more."

I walked to Ferreri's corner and tried to raise his hand in victory but he did not want it raised. He wanted to assault Gattellari some more. Finally, I got his hand in the air, then Gattellari walked around the ring with both arms raised as though in victory, while the fans hooted at full voice.

Gattalleri lost a lot of friends that afternoon.

Later, in the dressing room, Gattellari and Ferreri came to blows again (round four?) but they quickly were parted by their trainers.

The A.B.F. held an inquiry and recommended to the promoters that Gattellari's money be withheld, but legally this could not be done, so he was paid.

More than a week later Ferreri and Michael stated, on TV, that they had been offered $20,000 and $15,000, respectively, to lose to the Gattellaris. This, they said, they had refused to do, although the bribe offers were far greater than their guarantees.

No names were given re. the identity of the would-be bribers, but they were obviously gamblers who saw an easy way to big money, as Ferreri and Michael were unbackable.

▲ Nine nights earlier, in Brisbane, Tony Mundine, 175½, had a punch-out against Canadian toughie Ron Wilson, 175. Wilson received more punishment than any boxer in Brisbane had for years. Referee Des Crabbe crowned Mundine in round seven, while Wilson was on his feet.

In the main support over ten rounds, former Australian welter champion Steve Dennis, 146, had too much on the ball for rising golden boy Robert Colley, 143. Dennis won clearly on points.

Two eight-rounders completed the bill. Greg Liesegang, 130, halted veteran Noel Kelly, 133, in the third round of a slugfest. In the other, Gary Tomlinson, 150, outpointed Robert Hinkling, 148.

▲ At Brisbane Festival Hall, American Greg Stephens, 148½, stopped Australian welter champion Neil Pattel, 149½, in the ninth round of a very good bout. At the end of the eighth, referee Des Crabbe had Stephens one point ahead. Pattel excelled himself against this sharp-shooter, but had been down, had taken a standing count and was a rocky sitting duck when Crabbe rescued him.

In another ten, Gary Tomlinson, 151, outpointed Ian Looker, 153. In an eight, Greg Liesegang, 130, knocked out Fred Burns, 130, in the final round of a great battle.

▲ Former Commonwealth and Australian junior welter and Australian welter champ Hector Thompson took a trip to Fiji during the month and knocked out local champion Sakaraia Ve in round eight.

▲ On the same night, this time at Lower Hutt, New Zealand, another Aussie, Larry Valesini, 129, knocked out N.Z. hotpot Jeff Smith, 125, in round eight.

▲ Islander Fetaiaki Namoa, 178, tossed a king size shock into Blacktown fans when he easily outpointed Blacktown idol Rocky St. Clair, 173, over ten at the local R.S.L. Club. The following of St. Clair is almost unbelievable. You would think he was Muhammad Ali. They pack the club, they chant his name, they boost-cheer him all the way. But Namoa, an experienced veteran, handled Rocky as though he were a novice, which he is, having had only seven fights. Hope Rocky St. Clair learned something from the lesson because he does punch hard and is colorful. A return with Namoa is mooted, but Rocky is to have one or two more fights first.

▲ Two weeks later, Larry Valesini, 127½, defended his N.S.W. State junior light title against Roger Henry, 134, over ten rounds. This one was a war all the way. When the dust of the battle settled at the final bell, coins and notes flew into the ring. Referee Trevor Christian declared for Valesini by one point, 97-96, judge John McDougall saw it the other way, 96-96, while judge Russ Menadue carded 96-96, so the result was a draw. I unofficially saw it exactly as judge McDougall carded, but no one could dispute the draw. It was so close.

▲ Former Australian and Commonwealth junior-lightweight champion Billy Moeller, who retired in December, made a comeback two and a half months later as a lightweight. At Preston Town Hall, Moeller, 134, drew with Jimmy Brown, 134½, in an eliminator to find an opponent for Barry Michael in a title tilt. Scoring was diverse, referee Malcolm Bulner carding 97-97, judge Ken Brady 99-93 for Moeller, judge Cliff Heaver 98-97 for Brown, the local. A return match is being sought for the N.S.W. country town, Dubbo.

▲ A slight upset took place at Mt Pritchard when Sam N'Gata, 182, clearly outpointed veteran Joe Vella, 184, decking Joe on the way—an unusual experience for Vella. N'Gata won every round and Vella announced his retirement from boxing.

▲ At Kempsey, Speedy Duke, 140, outpointed Joey Collins, 140, in a bout billed for the vacant N.S.W. State junior welter title. Both have lost a number of contests but both always make the opposition fight hard. Duke won clearly over ten, a popular win with the locals.

Torkano Marcos, 165, who unsuccessfully challenged Wally Carr for the Australian middleweight title in December, had an easy points win over Ruby Steele, presented at 168, over ten at the South Sydney Junior Leagues CZlub in Kingsford.

▲ Three days earlier, Mick Thompson, 147, had too much on the ball for game Simon Kirkness, 146, in the main event eight. The bout was stopped in round five. Kirkness, a former amateur, was making his pro debut.

▲ At Kingsford, rising Brockie Crowe, 132, had to pull out all the stops to outpoint Paul Baker, 135, a trial horse, over eight. Crowe had to pick himself off the deck.

▲ Final result of the month comes from Manly-Warringah Leagues Club in Brookvale. In the main-event, set for eight rounds, Alex Temelkov, 149, bustled previously unbeaten George Weights, 148, right out of the fight—and out of the ring. The fight was stopped in round six, Temelkov the winner, as Weights had reached the end of the line. Previously, these two had fought a draw.

MINNESOTA AREA NEWS

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

▲ BLOOMINGTON—The heavyweight showdown between Minneapolis' Scott LeDoux and St. Paul's Jim Beattie finally took place at the Met Sports Center. At the end, there was still controversy, which most likely will lead up to a rematch.

A good crowd of 6,115 turned out, and the gate was a respectable $53,523. LeDoux took command right from the outset from the slow starting Beattie. Big Jim took a standing eight count in the first round when LeDoux scored heavily and staggered Beattie with an overhand right to the head, followed by a left to the body.

LeDoux continued to score in the second round as Beattie was ineffective with his punches. In the third round, LeDoux scored with a left, right combination which sent Beattie to the canvas for the first time. Beattie got up and Scott went after him for the kayo. An overhand right floored Beattie, and while Jim was on his knees referee Mert Herrick stopped the contest at 2:25 of the third round. The crowd booed Herrick's stoppage of the fight, as Beattie appeared unhurt.

Beattie was up fast and vigoriously protested the referee's decision. Beattie, now 39-8-1, weighed in at 242, and LeDoux, 25-6-3, weighed 226½.

Beattie had protested before the fight that he didn't want Herrick as the referee. After, Beattie said "It was so unfair, I'm fine. I wasn't wobbly." He said he told Herrick "You can't be doing this to me, Be professional." The fans agreed wholeheartedly with Beattie.

Herrick commented "I didn't want to stop it. But when you look down at the man or the floor and he doesn't even see you, it's time." On the second knockdown, Herrick never saw Beattie's eyes. Jim was on his knees looking at the floor and Herrick stood over him and waved the end without a count, or looking into Beattie's eyes. Films bear this out.

When asked about a rematch, LeDoux said "Only if I had an open date (?) and needed a few bucks. Beattie should have stayed retired the first time." LeDoux now wants a rated fighter, but Scott has had several shots before, and has never turned in a win.

In the semi windup, Rick Folstad, 138½, St. Francis, Minn. stopped oft beaten Joe Medrano, 136, San Antonio in the eighth round when Medrano suffered a cut eyelid. Folstad's inactivity showed as Medrano scored with right hands often.

Folstad is 19-1-0. Medrano, not to be confused with California's Joe Medrano, has a known record of 2-19-0.

Glenn Morgan, 187, Richfield, Minn., stole the show as he knocked out Ron Draper, 198, Kansas, with a punch to the jaw. Morgan, who now wants to meet LeDous, is 21-5-0. Draper is a very poor 2-12-0, and should seek other employment.

James Hearns, 152, Omaha (3-4-0) scored his second win in a row over Chuck (Kid Pollack) Daszkiewicz, 152, Minneapolis (7-2-0) on an eight-round decision.

Pete Holm, 198, St. Paul (4-1-0) knocked out John Robinson, 184, Kansas City, with a straight right to the jaw in the fourth round, Holm is the area's best prospect, and if active, within a year, could defeat any of this area's heavyweights.

▲ST. PAUL—The second club show of promoter John Connelly at Kelly's Pub (Palace Theatre) was a dismal failure. One bout dropped out, and with no publicity or local boxers on the card, only 150 fans showed up to see two fights and an exhibition.

In the main event, Bruce Strauss, 149, Omaha (3-1-0) stopped someone named Dave Grant, 149, Rosebud, So. Dakota, in the fifth round. Grant was down in the third round and twice in the fifth before referee Denny Nelson halted the contest.

James Hearn of Omaha (4-4-0) stopped out of shape Tim Miller, billed out of Chicago, in teh fifth round of a welterweight match.

Ron Stander, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Ron Doublas of Omaha, engaged in a four-round exhibition. The question is, why?

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

By TED YAMACHIKA

▲HONOLULU—Andrew Ganigan, 135, Honolulu, encountered little opposition and polished off David Madrid, 135¾, of Mexico in the second round of a scheduled tenner at the North Blaisdell Center arena.

Ganigan floored the Mexican fighter with a left to the jaw, the second punch of a one-two combination, and probably the only hard punch thrown in the entire fight. Madrid took the count in a sitting position. It was his claim (later) that he was unable to rise due to a badly sprained ankle sustained when he fell.

This fight was Ganigan's second start since his six month rest after his knockout loss to Johnny Lira. Although Ganigan has won both fights in two rounds each, it is ridiculous to claim that he is now as good a fighter as he ever was. His two opponents, a few rungs below his caliber, didn't have a chance to test him at all. His fans, and even Ganigan himself, will never know where he stands until he meets tougher opponents. However, Ganigan did prove that he still has a good following. His two fights drew better than six thousand fans each.

Jose Caba, 125, Dominican Republic, decisioned Kid Meza, 124, Mexicali, ten. Abdul Bey, 125¾, Honolulu, knocked out Roger Bucheli, 125, Ecuador, in the first round. Dana Goodson, 221, Honolulu, TKO'd Five-Star Nuuvali, 196, Honolulu, in the second. Alfredo Logan, 146, Puerto Rico, and Simi Tavita Leo, 145, Samoa, fought to a five-round draw.

N.Y.—PA.

By JIM LEO

▲COHOES, N.Y.—A couple of co-feature eight-rounders headlined the card of boxing at the Community Center here.

Darrell "Clyde" Beattie, Cohoes, favorite, after hitting the canvas himself in the opening round, stormed back to knock out Ralph Roman, of Holyoke, Mass., at 1:30 of the round. Beattie is managed by former heavyweight contender Dave Zyglewicz. These were lightweights.

In the other eight-rounder, Louis Hubela, Brooklyn, stopped Ralph Dumont, of Lowell, Mass., at 1:55 of the third round. Hubela, a fighter with promise, dropped his foe four times during the encounter in the lightweight match-up. Hubela is now 13-0.

Danny Ferris, young undefeated prospect from the Capitol land area, Latham, N.Y., stopped Jose Rivera, of Brooklyn, 2:00 into the second round of the scheduled six. Ferris dropped his foe in the second and then downed him twice in the third, prompting his foe in the second and then downed him twice in the third, prompting the stoppage with Rivera in much trouble. The boys were 135 pounders. Ferris is now 4-0.

John Griffin, Brockport, N.Y., earned the decision over Rich Horan, of Boston, Mass., in a battle of 160 pounders. Both battled from bell to bell and the crowd loved it. Griffin is now 3-0.

In a featherweight bout, Dave Ramalho, Lowell, Mass., kayoed Papo Melendez, also Lowell, Mass., at 1:30 of the opening round of a scheduled sixer.

In a heavyweight scrap, Ron Gabaree, Barre, Vt., scored a k.o. 2:00 into the second round over Jose Ortiz, of Lawrence, Mass., in a scheduled four rounder.

Around four hundred fans attended the bouts at the Community Center.

▲SCRANTON, PA.—Jerry Foley, 204, W. Scranton, Pa., made it four in a row on the winning side at Scranton when he halted Mike Ruiz, 200, Paterson, N.J., 1:18 into the third round, of a scheduled eight-rounder. Foley wasn't given much opposition by the Jersey lad, who was punished by body shots which put him down in the second round for an eight-count. In the third, Foley was right on Ruiz, and a flurry of body punches spilled him, this time, he didn't get up. For Foley, who closed out '78 with three wins, this was his first '79 start, and his record now reads 8-3-1. The popular Jerry is managed by Paul "Hook" O'Malley.

In another eight-rounder, Marty Capasso, 212, Chester, Pa., 22-year-old heavyweight prospect, registered a third round k.o. over Tyrone Harlee, 210, Brooklyn, N.Y. After little action in the opening two rounds, Capasso, felled Harlee with a right hand near the end of the third, Harlee, seemingly caught cold was counted out two seconds after the bell ending the round. For Capasso, it was his fifth straight in the pro ranks.

In four rounders: Garland Wright, Wilkes Barre, Pa., and Dennis Dixon, Newark, N.J., went at it to a draw in a welterweight battle, which wasn't popular with the boxing fans, who thought Dixon merited the edge. Mike Williams won a split verdict, over Bob Mulgrew, S. Scranton, Pa., in a lightweight battle, four rounds. In another four, Bob Lendosky, 127, Scranton West Sider, scored a split decision over Twist Jones, 126, Jersey City, N.J.

There were five amateur bouts to go along with the pros. The Annual Chic Feldman benefit boxing card at the Scranton Catholic Youth Center attracted 1,703 fans who paid in $9,410. The bouts were put together by Paul Ruddy and John Laboranti of the local All-Star Boxing Club, along with Lou DeIVecchio, Feldman Foundation chairman.

FISTICUFFS IN PHILLY

By NIGEL COLLINS

▲PHILADELPHIA—Streaking Philadelphia middleweight Curtis Parker tallied his tenth straight win with an impressive opening round kayo over Charles Carey, Norfolk, Virginia, at the Blue Horizon. It was the unbeaten Parker's ninth victory inside the distance.

A wicked left hook, fired from the hip, ended the contest practically before it had begun. Carey, 166, fielded the crunching blow flush on the chin and dropped for the full count at 2:31 of the first round.

Parker, a former National Golden Gloves champion, has the exciting style to become a big drawing card in Philly. He is trained and managed by veteran Willie Reddish and should be ready for tougher game in the coming months.

North Philly's Jerome "Silky" Jackson, 159½, scored an easy eight-round decision over Norfolk's Fred Brown, 164, in the semi-final. Jackson is now 7-1-1 and hot on the trail of fellow prospect Parker. A showdown between this pair of talented youngsters would pack the Horizon in the near future.

In the best fight of the night, Upper Darby slugger Vic Pappas, 140, withstood a strong closing rally to nip local John McQueen, 138, in a hard fought six. Pappas decked McQueen with a hard right in the second but was forced to absorb plenty of leather the final two frames. A good bet for a rematch.

Counterpunching Bruce Williams, 133, Frankford, outboxed Fran Gillen, 130½, Upper Darby, in a battle of previously undefeated scrapers. Gillen buckled William's knees with a solid right in the second only to fall behind and be floored himself in the fourth. The decision rightly going to the slick moving Williams.

Talented prospect Jimmy Washington, 128, South Phila, scored a sixth-round TKO over previously unbeaten Bobby Everett, 127. The loser has recently moved to the Philadelphia area after winning six straight in New England rings. He met a fine young craftsman in Washington and was unable to answer the bell for the sixth round after suffering knockdowns in the second and fifth rounds.

Washington, now 8-1-1 with 3 kayoes, is the son of local trainer Jimmy Arthur and could be a star of the future with regular work.

The card was promoted by the Spectrum Boxing Department, Russel Peltz, matchmaker.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BOXING NEWS

By RUGGLES LARSON

▲SPOKANE, WASHINGTON—Promoter Don Ulland presented the first professional boxing card to the "Inland Empire" fans in several months with triple eight-round main events at the Spokane Community College's Sports Center. Spokane welterweight Lenny Hahn kayoed Ron Mendola, 146, Hayward, Calif., at 2:10 of the second round. Al Newman, 198, Renton, scored an eighth round knockdown enroute to scoring a unanimous decision over previously undefeated Spokane heavy Harvey Steichen. In the third eight rounder, Carey "Red" Wiles, 135, Tacoma, kayoed Don Cornelius, 134, Sacramento, Calif., at 2:35 of the fourth.

A crowd of 1,114 fans witnessed two interesting four-round preliminary bouts. Buddy McKay, 134, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, won a unanimous decision over Manny Galatt, 137, Carson City, Nev., and Gary Pittman, 138, Seattle, TKO'd Rich Kronich, 137, Spokane, in the second round.

▲SEATTLE, WASHINGTON—Approximately 1200 fans saw about twelve rounds of professional ring action at the Seattle Arena in a promotion that had many cancellations and rescheduling of bouts preceding fight night. In double heavyweight main events, Larry Frazier, 208, Seattle, used nineteen seconds to dispose of Earl McLeay, 210, Los Angeles, while Seattle's Pinklon Thomas, 196, allowed Lew Lockwood of Shurs, Nevada, to go 2:12 of the fourth round. Pinlon floored Lockwood twice in the first round and three times in the fourth.

In an eight-round semi-final, "Fighting Red" Wiles of Tacoma had his unbeaten string snapped by dropping a unanimous decision to Danny Patino, 138, Los Angeles. Frank Duran, 155, Seattle, stopped Manny Gullatt, 160, Carson City, Nevada, in fifty-five seconds of the scheduled four round opener.

▲ Ringside news . . . . . Bruce Siebol, editor and publisher of *Boxing Review*, has published the 1979 *Northwest Record Book*. This edition is a must for all Pacific Northwest boxing promoters, fighters and fans. Besides the current records of all PNW fighters, Bruce has a review of all pro cards held during 1978. . . . The amateur boxing screen is going strong in the Pacific Northwest, but there is a definite lack of professional activity . . . . Veteran Seattle fight manager Joe West has a young heavy hopeful in Pinklon Thomas. Thomas shows lots of class, and is a young man who could revive boxing interest in the Seattle area.

CENTRAL FLORIDA RING REPORT

By MICKEY DAVIES

▲ORLANDO—It was a typical Jimmy Heair fight. First, he got behind. Then, he came on like gang busters to kayo Juan Roman Panchi forty-two seconds into the fifth frame.

Heair blew the first two rounds as Panchi, punching from a portside stance, outboxed the Memphis vet. Going into the fourth, Jimmy turned things around completely, as he started reaching Panchi with right hands to head and short left hooks to the body. The bell ending round four round the game Mexican lad on the deck, being counted over by referee Ron Hill. The gong saved him from being counted out.

Within seconds of the fifth, the transplanted Memphis mittster reached Juan again, with smashing right crosses which quickly spelled the end for the Mexican. Heair, 145¼. Panchi, 143½.

In other bouts: Frankie Moultrie, 135, continued to win against solid opponents as he whipped Arthur Clarke, 133, eight; Earl Wilson, 128, edged Tony Styles, 128, six; Richie Roberts, 145, beat Dennis Horne, 148½, six; Willie Goodman, 173, TKO'd Eli Smith, 174, four.

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VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

By Harry Warren

An active member of the Cauliflower Alley club is former lightweight JOHNNY "K.O." TERRY, whose real monicker is HUGH ARMSTRONG. Hailing from the Cumberland Mountains of Virginia, he was one of the most famous sons of the small mining town of Cincinnati, Virginia, where he was born, September 22, 1910. John Armstrong, his father, was the superintendent of a group of mines in the area and wanted his son, HUGH, to continue into the mines like the rest of the family. However, at nineteen, HUGH, who was making his name as a fighter in the amateurs, decided to become a pro. His first sixteen pro fights were K.O. victories and he was dubbed JOHNNY "K.O." TERRY, taking his father's second Christian name, TERRY. From 1930 to 1942, he garnered fame fighting in all the towns around Virginia until taken under the wing of DOC ADAMS, who moved him into the bigger arenas of Portsmouth, Ohio and all the way through to Birmingham, Alabama. JUDE BASEMENT, who promoted in Portsmouth, Ohio, and a well known dance hall owner, took over K.O. TERRY and, collaborating with HARVEY PETTIT, the well known Los Angeles manager who handled the careers of GOLDIE HESS, LEON CERITA, RAY VARGAS, and LEFTY LEWIS FLYER, he was soon boxing in the Californian rings. TOOTSIE BUTSHERI, STUMPY JACOBS, SAILOR QUEENS, JACKIE SCHWARTZ, EDDIE CHINISKI, RALPH LABANSKI—TERRY fought with every one, and won. Terry had a great victory over PETEY SARRON, who later became world champion. This was at SARRON's home town of Birmingham, Alabama, in June, 1931. TERRY's toughness and ability was also noted by JOHNNY FLYNN AT Huntsville, Alabama, when TERRY, weighing only 135 pounds fought the noted middleweight and pounded the bigger man so much that the referee had to stop the fight in TERRY's favor.

The Ring Magazine, rated K.O. TERRY as the third best lightweight in the world. Ring Magazine, June 1934. After retirement in 1942 with a 140-12-0 record, he joined Adams Plaza Real Estate company, 1545 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles. Currently he is working for millionaire JERRY GOLDSTEIN, the financier and real estate tycoon in Beverly Hills-Los Angeles area, as a buildings supervisor. Happily married to LUNA for forty-nine years, son TERRY is in the beauty and hairstyling business at Royla La Haino, Canopoli, Mauri, Hawaii. TERRY resides at 2905 Leeward Ave., Los Angeles, California 90005.

The Cauliflower Alley Club has moved its headquarters from the Hollywood Legion Stadium to the Golden State Hotel, 2900 No. San Fernando Blvd., Burbank, California. MARSHALL WRIGHT, the Executive Director of the club, operates the hotel and the veteran boxer and wrestler organization has a superb meeting establishment with many conveniences available to them. Any former wrestlers or boxers visiting the Los Angeles-Hollywood area are asked to call 213-845-8501 and ask for MARSHAL WRIGHT. The hotel is being equipped with boxing rings, gymnasium apparatus, and will be the headquarters of the Police Athletic League boxing program in the area. Accommodation is being made available at the hotel for visiting veterans of boxing and wrestling who visit with the Cauliflower Alley Club from time to time and take part in their festivities and events. LOU NOVA, who had two great fights with MAX BAER and won both, and who fought the great JOE LOUIS, was a fine boxer who, as an amateur, won every title he went after and won the American heavyweight amateur title three times. LOU is the president of the Las Vegas Chapter of the Cauliflower Alley Club and is a vice president of the parent organization in Hollywood. He is an officer of the Hollywood Appreciation Society and also a fine entertainment figure. His acts have been featured in many parts of the world including a solo performance at Carnegie Hall in New York. Interested persons can contact LOU NOVA by writing to 147 Winnick, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109. . . . CHESTER RICO, an active member of JOE CURTIS' BVA, Ring 711 headquartered in Las Vegas, who was one of the favorite lightweights on the New York scene and a contender, is a security officer at the Tropicana Hotel. Contact at 2700 Yardley, Las Vegas, 89104. . . . JIMMY O'GATTY, the survivor of the three famed fighting brothers, resides in Hollywood, and is a fine artist in sculpture. Contact at 7021 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, California 90028. . . . My feature story in the October issue of *The Ring* about the famed British Boxing Booths brought me many complimentary letters. One letter came from a lady who made quite a name for herself as a booth boxer. Her name is BARBARA BUTTRICK, one of the most famous of British female boxers. She started boxing at a tender age, and at fifteen, found that boxing around her native Yorkshire failed to produce the opponents. So, she took the long road journey from the town of

HARRY WARREN

Cottingham to London. Fighting in and around London until her fame spread to France where she performed in rings all over the country, BARBARA arrived in the United States in 1952 and received advice and guidance from veteran Dallas fight manager and old-time fighter MICKEY RILEY. She amazed the crowd who habited Jimmy's Gym, a famed Dallas spot, and gave a boxing lesson to lightweight JOSE ANDRES, a well known Texas professional. So much could be written about this lady that I am just going to do that. After fighting in Australia, Canada, all over Europe, and the United States, she certainly is a product of science. Currently, BARBARA is a manager at Miami Beach, but only handles woman fighters. She is welcomed into the Fifth Street Gym by the famed DUNDEE BROTHERS. Interested females anxious to be professional boxers should contact BARBARA BUTTRICK, P.O. Box 370764, Buena Vista Station, Miami, Florida 33137. . . .

JOHNNY MONDELLO, a former great Brooklyn lightweight, was always a crowd-pleaser. He fought from 1937-40. A very popular member of PAUL BERLENBACH's VBA, Ring 21 of Brooklyn, he is also a member of SAMMY VENTI's World Boxing Historial Association—322-77th Street, Brooklyn, New York. Currently a trainer with the Police Athletic League, he can be seen with his amateur students going through their paces at the Avenue U gymnasium at West 9th Street in Brooklyn. JOHNNY asked me to mention his manager, who looked after him throughout his boxing career, was the likable PETE MELLO. . . .

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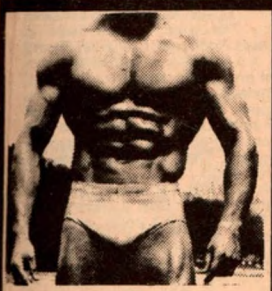

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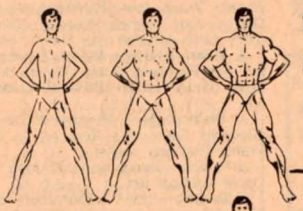

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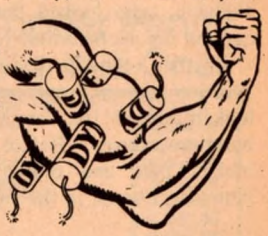

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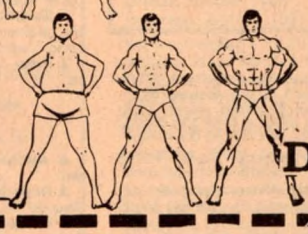

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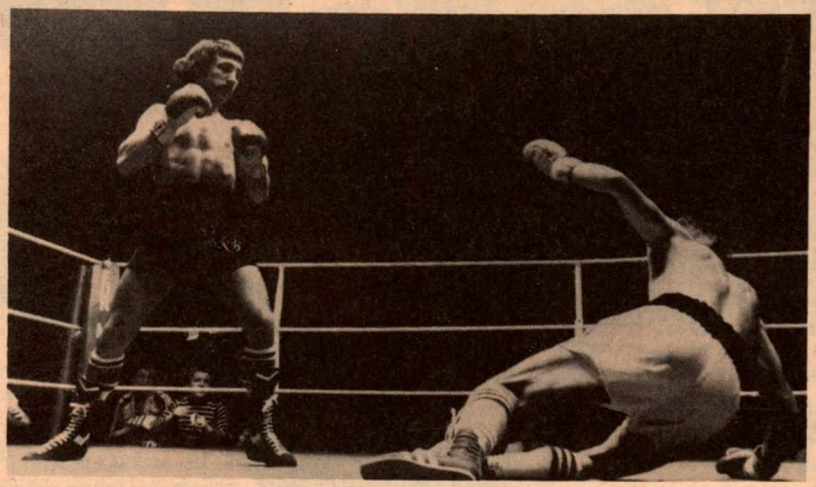
ACTION IN EUROPE

By JACK A. TREE

CASTANON KAYOES JACOB

Criel, France—European featherweight champion Roberto Castanon, Spain, made a voluntary defense against Frenchman Gerard Jacob. As expected, Castanon won, but it was no walk over, with Jacob giving a performance that brought praise even from his hardest critics, who had given him a vote of no confidence. The fight went seven rounds but it had everything a spectator could wish for. There was blood and sessions of hard and deliberate punching. It was a thriller with knockdowns and, of course, the inevitable K.O. Few gave Jacob a chance against the hard punching Spaniard, who had stopped the Frenchman in four rounds in March last year. He even outboxed the champion at times and made him look like a novice. Castanon, however, had the edge on his challenger and closed the engagement in the seventh, landing a vicious right hook to the jaw which sent Jacob to his knees. He made his feet as the German referee, Kurt Halbach, concluded his count. Cries of abuse greeted the referee's action, for Jacob's supporters thought their man had beaten the count. Some were of the opinion that Halbach stopped counting and others thought his counting was a little hasty. Police had to prevent some of the locals man-handling Halbach, who looked bewildered at the reception his decision had received.

As they stood in the ring while their respective national anthems were played, it looked rather like an advert for a body building course, "Before and after!" Jacob looked pale and drawn while Castanon's muscles glittered in the ring lights.



European featherweight champion Roberto Castanon kayoes challenger Gerard Jacob in the seventh round. Castanon later challenged Danny Lopez for the world crown.

ITALY

▲ **Rome**—Middleweights: Jose Lozano outpointed Mario Romersi, eight. Nicola Cirelli kayoed Andre Genasi three. Roberto Felicioni outscored Walter Guarnieri, eight. Light heavyweights: Lino Lemma drew his eight-rounder with Gisnni Filipetto.

▲ **Olbia**—Light welterweights: Raimondo Riccio TKO'd Francesco Aresti, six.

▲ **Faenza**—Junior middleweights: Alvaro Scarpelli outscored Germano Marini, eight. Heavyweights: Daniele Laghi TKO'd Bruno Pollini, one.

▲ **Marsala**—Middleweights: Bobby Watts outscored Norberto Cabrera, eight. Wllie Classen stopped Jose Duran, four. Welterweights: Salvatore Cascio TKO'd Serangeli, three.

▲ **Brescia**—Junior middles: Vincenzo Ungaro outscored Jacques Chinon, eight. Junior welters: Luigi Dalsanto halted Jacques Sinelnihow, four.

▲ **Isernia**—Lightweights: Salvatore Liscapade decisioned Jose Melquides da Silver, six.

▲ **Rome**—Welterweights: Salvatore Cascio outpointed Spartaco Verna, six. Junior welters: Roberto D'Elia drew his six-rounder with Giuseppe Juppa, six. Adriano Ubertini shared points with Biasse Casoria, six.

▲ **Pesaro**—Junior welterweights: Damiano Lassandro outscored Georges Warustel, ten. Luigi Minchillo TKO'd Roy Kaba, six.

▲ **Lugo**—Bantams: Alfredo Mulas outpointed Franco Buglione, eight. Welters: Donato Romano outscored Vincenzo Bottiglieri, six.

▲ **Ostia**—Junior welters: Libero Moi decisioned Walter Guernieri, eight.

▲ **Lecco**—Junior lightweights: Aristide Pizzo outscored Giuseppe Agate, eight.

▲ **Rome**—Middles: Nicola Cirelli knocked out Ray Opoku, three. Lightweights: Mario Tiano kayoed Gerardo Scognamiglio, four.

▲ **Milan**—Middleweights: Roberto Manoni kayoed Rida Akimi, six. Heavyweights: Lorenzo Zanon kayoed Sugar Silex, two. Middles: Giogio Giana TKO'd Daniel Bouleux, five.

▲ **Mantova**—Welters: Giuseppe Di Padova stopped Giuseppe Russi, three. Middles: Franco Polesel halted Karimu King, five.

▲ **Padova**—Ennio Cometti retained his Italian light heavy title, knocking out Gino Freo, ten.

▲ **Bologna**—Junior welters: Oscar Aparicio outpointed Hugo Carrizo, eight. Bantamweights: Valerio Nati outscored Nessim Zebelin, eight.

▲ **Bergamo**—Heavyweights: Antino Tescione outscored Angelo Visini, four. Romeo Malgarini outpointed Coulibaly Demba, four. Romeo Malgarini won the final of this tournament with a decision over Antino Tescione, four.

▲ **Milan**—Middles: Matteo Salvemini TKO'd Freddie Boynton, two. Feathers: Potito DeMuro decisioned Antonio Franca, eight. Junior welters: Luciano Navarra stopped Marco Gallo, two.

▲ **Piedimonte Matese**—Italian flyweight champion Giovanni Camputaro held on to his crown, drawing with Franco Buglione, twelve.

▲ **Pesaro**—Junior welters: Juan Jose Giminez outscored Oscar Aparicio, ten.

▲ **Salerno**—Italian welterweight champion Giovanni Molesini retained his crown, kayoing Ciro Seta, nine. Lightweights: Lucio Cusma beat Giovanni Carrino, eight.

▲ **Pisa**—Lightweights: Bruno Simili TKO'd Adriano Ubertini, six.

FRANCE

▲ **Auch**—Middleweights: Pierre Joly TKO'd Rida Hahhimi, two.

▲ **Angers**—Junior middleweights: Thierry Samo beat Maurice Renaud on points, six.

▲ **Grenoble**—French light heavyweight champion Hocine Tafer kayoed Briton Alex Penarski in round five. Penarski was dropped by a left hook to the chin and counted out.

▲ **Toulouse**—Lightweights: Christian Garcia kayoed Mohamed Boumedian, six. Junior welterweights: Carlos Foldes drew his eight-rounder with Arthur Fogeiro.

▲ **Saint Maur**—Welterweights: Claude Lancastre TKO'd Jacky Peraire, four.

▲ **Onnaing**—Light heavyweights: Michel Pagani beat Christian Dhelft on points, six. Junior middleweights: Bernard Dylbaitis beat Georges Lemmer on points, six.

▲ **Caen**—Bantamweights: Dominque Piedeleu beat Georges Lietaer on points, eight.

▲ **Le Mans**—Junior middles: Daniel Hyuon beat Dragon Tadic on points, six.

▲ **Compeigne**—Light heavyweights: Robert Amory stopped Jose Centra, Yugoslavia, in the first minute of round one. Bantamweight champion of France, Laurent Grimbert, held on to his title, halting Dominque Cesari, six.

▲ **Saint Malo**—Junior middleweights: Claude Martin outscored Michel Chapier, ten.

▲ **Marseille**—Junior welterweights: Robert Ganbini TKO'd Francisco Gallo, two.

▲ **Linoge**—Lightweights: Joel Moulin decisioned Fogeiro, eight.

▲ **Fournis**—Bantamweights: Robert Huylebroech beat Jacky Andre on points, six.

▲ **Rennes**—Welterweights: Joel Lepradlomme outscored Daniel Hyuon, six.

▲ **Criel**—Roberto Castanon, Spain, retained his European featherweight title, stopping Frenchman Gerard Jacob in seven rounds. Welters: Richard Rodriguez beat Alain Ruocco on points over eight rounds. It was a very even bout with Rodriguez winning the final heat and getting the third man's vote. Welterweights: Unbeaten Ronald Zenon, France, kayoed Oswaldo Lopez, Spain, five. Lopez, in round five, almost through the ropes, took a count of eight. Uppercuts and hooks then sent him down for the full count. Patrick Babouran outscored Jean Michel Iger over six rounds. The bout was pathetic and out of place at this brilliant meeting.

▲ **Dunkirk**—Jo Kimpuani, who had not fought for several months beat American Rothwell, who failed to come out for round seven. In the sixth, Rothwell took a count, and never really recovered. Fred Coranso beat Yannick Blandin, who failed to answer the bell for round seven. Dan M'Putu beat Turk Ozakalin, the towel being thrown in during round three.

BELGIUM

▲ **Hamme**—Lightweights: Gilbert Bayens decisioned Gilbert Helluin, six.

▲ **Duffel**—Junior middleweights: Mon Langewouters kayoed Eric Seys, two.

▲ **Izegem**—Light heavyweights: Salim Boutera outscored Nedeza Memeti, six. Jose Lozano TKO'd Hendryk Seys, three.

▲ **Braine Le Comte**—Light heavyweights: Bernard Artone TKO'd Esad Memeti, one. Junior welterweights: Jo Bollue decisioned Andre Blanco, six. Featherweights: Raphael Blanco kayoed Fredo Roelands, four.

▲ **Brussels**—Welterweights: Richard Rodriguez outscored F. Decaestecher, eight.

▲ **Turnhout**—Middleweights: Mon Langewouters kayoed Daniel Bouleux, five.

▲ **Zele**—Lightweights: Dave Williams TKO'd Joel Moulin, one. Albert Syben, heavyweight, unbeaten in twenty-one bouts, stopped Briton Neville Meade in four rounds.

SPAIN

▲ **Bilboa**—Junior lightweights: Rodolfo Sanchez TKO'd Manuel Llata, two.

▲ **Malaga**—Jose Luis Heredia outscored champion Jeronimo Lucas, twelve, to win the Spanish junior welterweight title. Welters: Oswaldo Lopez outscored Juan Chamorro, eight. Junior welters: Jose Antonio Parrano stopped Bernardo Fernandez, five.

▲ **Malaga**—Welterweights: Oswaldo Lopez outscored Perico Fernandez, eight.

▲ **Pontevedra**—Juan Francisco Rodriguez TKO'd Fernando Bernardez, five. Heavyweights: Christian Poncelet outpointed Felipe Rodriguez, eight. Lightweights: Manuel Velasquez decisioned Serafino Dos Anjos, eight.

▲ **Santander**—Featherweights: Cecilio Lastra knocked out Hector Molina, four.

▲ **Barcelona**—Junior welterweights: Francisco Leon decisioned Chato Mellinese, eight.

▲ **Miranda De Ebro**—Welterweights: Fernando Sanchez outscored Angel Carmona, eight. Junior lightweights: Rodolfo Sanchez TKO'd Antonio Navarro Jaen, three.

▲ **La Coruna**—Light heavyweights: Avenamar Peralta TKO'd Alex Cardoso, seven. Welters: Raul Anon decisioned Mario Molina, eight. Bantams: Vicente Rodriguez outscored Mariano Garcia, eight.

▲ **Zaragoza**—Felipe Rodriguez TKO'd Benito Escriche, five, in a bout for the Spanish heavyweight title.

▲ **Gijon**—Ramon Gomez Fouz retained his Spanish welterweight title, drawing, twelve, with Dum Dum Pacheco.

▲ **Barcelona**—Bantamweights: Luis de la Sagra decisioned Martin Antich, six.

▲ **Zaragoza**—Lightweights: Perico Fernandez TKO'd Mario Molina, four. Feathers: Angel Oliver decisioned Garcia Herrera, eight.

▲ **Pontevedra**—Heavyweights: Felipe Rodriguez TKO'd Avenamar Peralta, four. Lightweights: Enrique Pino Tobio TKO'd Fernando Bermejo, five. Bantamweights: Tanio Garcia del Moral outscored Pedro Molledo, ten.

GERMANY

▲ **Dusseldorf**—Junior middles: Rudiger Bitterling, Germany, decisioned Mi Wah Ki, Korea, four rounds. Middles: Jacques Chinon, France, kayoed German Jurgen Gries, five. Light heavyweights: Helmut Ulcky, Germany, stopped Pierre Ibello, France, four. Light heavyweights: Louis Pergaud Ngatchou, Cameroons, outscored Victor Ativor, Africa, ten rounds.

▲ **Koblenz**—Welterweights: Helmut Mohr drew a four-rounder with fellow German Friedhelm Manns. Middleweights: German based Italian Giampaolo Piras drew a six-rounder with American Michael McCoy. Lightweights: Dieter Schantz, Germany, shared points with Vito Triasso, Italy, over six rounds. Junior middleweights: Josef Kossman, Germany, outscored Francisco Panos, Spain, over six.

DENMARK

▲ **Randers**—Ayub Kalule knocked out South Korea's Ho Joo in the second round. Welterweights: Hans Henrik Palm, Denmark, decisioned Briton Joey Sicleton, eight, to score his twenty-third victory. Junior middleweights: Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, outscored Briton Billy Wright, eight. Mustapha Wasaja, Uganda, beat Briton Bunny Johnson, who retired with a cut eyebrow in round six. Junior middleweights: Torben Andersen, Denmark, beat Briton Oscar Angus on points over six rounds.

SOUTH AFRICAN RING NEWS

By ED CLARK

▲ **WELKOM**—Gerrie Bondenstein won in the fifth round when his opponent, Mervin Smit, suffered a bad cut above the eye in their light heavyweight bout at the Joekies Ice Rink. Smit began the fight in a hurry, but was matched well with Bodenstein and the fighters stood toe to toe slugging in the first. Smit used combinations in the second but Bodenstein's experience saw him through. In the third and fourth, Smit used crowding tactics, and the fifth round saw Bodenstein rock Smith with a straight right. Then the boxers clinched, and on emerging, Smit's injury was bad enough for the referee to end the fight.

Kwagga Swanepoel kayoed Joseph Diraditsile, one, feathers; Basie Beyers kayoed Jerome Kurume, three, welters; Andries Molahlwe kayoed Sam Fortuin, three, catch-weights; In fours: Johan Putter edged Michael Moamoga, junior feathers; Lou Hendriks decisioned Sophonia Naile, heavies; Marvin Jacobs edged Simon Mokwana, lightweights; Zenzile Makanda outpointed Michael Motsoane, middleweights.

▲ **DURBAN**—In a hot steamy night at the Old Mutual Sports Centre before a crowd of three thousand, the little guy beat the big guy when Gert Steyn, South African junior middleweight champ, defeated world ranked Elijah "Tap Tap" Makhatini with ease over ten rounds. Makhatini, the South African middleweight title holder, looked every bit of his thirty-six years as he won only one round and shared two rounds in a fight in which he faded badly in the latter rounds.

After a quiet first round, Steyn carried the fight to "Tap Tap" in the second, but Makhatini, a southpaw, kept out of trouble. Steyn landed good body blows in the third and also stung his man with left jabs. Makhatini's best round was the fourth, when he used his famed left hook and caught Steyn solidly to the body. The fifth was even, with Steyn still concentrating his attack to the body to slow Makhatini down. Both fighters traded blows in the sixth, and it was evident that Makhatini was slowing down. Heavy rights from Steyn added to the heavier man's discomfort. Steyn stalked his man in the seventh, shaking Makhatini, who seemed to have no power in his blows. Heavy blows were traded in the eighth, with Steyn coming out on top. In the ninth, Makhatini was again on the receiving end, although he scored well with jabs. Steyn was far ahead at the start of the final round, but with an opponent who looked "done in", Steyn clinched the fight, landing punches at will. A good win for Steyn, but Makhatini's reputation took a nose dive.

Andries Steyn, lightweight champion, was held to a six-round draw by former featherweight title holder Tsietsie Maretloane. Maetloane, a flashy boxer, and Steyn, the boxer par excellence, gave the fans a pleasing bout, with Steyn a shade unlucky not to receive the verdict.

Johnny Lutchmanna TKO'd Henna Hawkey, three, junior welters; Champion Mokone TKO'd Willem van der Merwe, three, light heavyweights; Norman Bromfield decisioned Alexander Sibiya, four, featherweights; Themba Buthelezi stopped Wentzel Marais, two, junior middlweights; Gregory Schmidt outscored Abel Brown, four, welterweights.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

Heavyweights
Champion: Alfredo Evangelista (S)
1. John L. Gardner (GP)
2. Alfio Righetti (I)
3. Lucien Rodriguez (F)
4. Les Stevens (GB)
5. Christian Poncelet (F)
6. Felipe Rodriguez (S)
7. Al Syben (B)
8. Paul Sykes (GB)
9. Tony Moore (GB)
10. Denton Ruddock (GB)

Light Heavyweights
Champion: Rudi Koopmans (H)
1. Mate Parlov (Y)
2. John Conteh (GB)
3. Aldo Traversaro (I)
4. Hocine Tafer (F)
5. Avenamar Peralta (S)
6. David Conteh (GB)
7. Bunny Johnson (GB)
8. Robert Amory (F)
9. Emilio Cometti (I)
10. Sylvain Watbled (F)

Middleweights
Champion: Alan Minter (GB)
1. Vito Antuofermo (I)
2. Gratien Tonna (F)
3. Kevin Finnegan (GB)
4. Matteo Salvemini (I)
5. Frank Lucas (GB)
6. Bynny Sterling (GB)
7. Alfredo Natieras (B)
8. Roberto Manoni (I)
9. Tony Sibson (GB)
10. George Steinherr (G)

Junior Middleweights
Champion: Marijan Benes (Y)
1. Maurice Hope (GB)
2. Frank Wissenbach (G)
3. Gilbert Cohen (F)
4. Andoni Amana (S)
5. Jimmy Batten (GB)
6. Claude Martin (F)
7. Daminao Lassandro (I)
8. Luigi Minchillo (I)
9. Adrie Huusen (H)
10. Dave Proud (GB)

Welterweights
Champion: David Green (GB)
1. Henry Rhiney (GB)
2. John H. Stracey (GB)
3. Jorgen Hansen (D)
4. Hans Hendrick Palm (D)
5. Josef Pachler (A)
6. Bruno Arcari (I)
7. Ronald Zenon (F)
8. Giovanni Molesini (I)
9. Alois Carmeliet (B)
10. Dum Dum Pacheco (S)

Junior Welterweights
Champion: Jose Luis Heredia (S)
1. Fernando Sanchez (S)
2. Colin Powers (GB)
3. Guiseppe Martinese (I)
4. Cemal Kamaci (T)
5. Clinton McKenzie (GB)
6. Claude Lormeau (F)
7. Svein Erik Paulsen (N)
8. Des Morrison (GB)
9. Giovanni Carrino (I)
10. Tommy Davitt (GB)

Lightweights
Champion: Jim Watt (GB)
1. Giancarlo Usai (I)
2. Charlie Nash (GB)
3. Vincenzo Quero (I)
4. Antonio Puddu (I)
5. Andre Holyk (F)
6. Rosario Sanna (I)
7. Johnny Claydon (GB)
8. Antonio Guinaldo (S)
9. Manuel Valesquez (S)
10. Angelo Provenzano (I)

Junior Lightweights
Champion: Carlos Hernandez (S)
1. Natale Vezzoli (T)
2. Isidoro Cabeza (S)
3. Ramon Marichal (S)
4. Elio Cotena (I)
5. Aristide Pizzo (I)
6. Rodolfo Sanchez (S)
7. Salvatore Liscapade (I)
8. Maurice Apeang (F)
9. Nino Jimenez (S)
10. Georges Cotin (F)

Featherweights
Champion: Roberto Castanon (S)
1. Cecilio Lastra (S)
2. David Needham (GB)
3. Manuel Masso (S)
4. Salvatore Malluzzo (I)
5. Pat Cowdell (GB)
6. Les Pickett (GB)
7. Nani Rodriguez (S)
8. Gerard Jacob (F)
9. Jimmy Flint (GB)
10. Michel Lefebvre (F)

Bantamweights
Champion: Juan Francisco Rodriguez (S)
1. Franco Zurlo (I)
2. Esteban Eguia (S)
3. Alfredo Mulas (I)
4. John Owen (GB)
5. Laurent Grimbert (F)
6. Guy Caudron (F)
7. Vicente Rodriguez (S)
8. Luigi Tessarin (F)
9. Guiseppe Fossati (I)
10. Paul Chance (GB)

Flyweights
Champion: Franco Udella (I)
1. Charlie Magri (GB)
2. Giovanni Camputaro (I)
3. Emilio Pireddu (I)
4. Mariano Garcia (S)
5. Manuel Carrasco (S)
6. Franco Buglione (I)
7. Claude Tanda (I)
8. Sabatino De Filippo (I)
9. Filipo Belvedere (I)
10. Christian Martin (F)

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FRENCH FIGHTERS

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welterweight; and Frank Klaus and Billy Papke, all three New York natives who concentrated on appearances in Paris rings. Respectively he went twenty rounds with Willie and won, then nineteen with Klaus and seventeen with Papke, winning each time on a foul.

What is exceptional about his performances against Klaus and Papke is the fact that they were to meet in 1913 in Paris for the world's middleweight championship. Klaus became the champion in 15 on a foul.

Carpentier kept growing. That year, he twice knocked out Bombardier Billy Wells, in four and in one, which made him a heavyweight in the eyes of the British. Honest measurements would have shown he was 5'11½" and barely 160. Wells probably was 6'4" and 210.

In 1914—when the guns of August silenced the guns of boxing—Georges reached his illusionary peak. He became of the claimant of the "white" heavyweight championship (in deference to Jack Johnson) by winning on a bout from American Gunboat Smith in London in six.

Carpentier's entrance into the so-called Aviation Corps—and the wowser's unwarranted charges against the new champion, Jack Dempsey, that he was a slacker—combined to lay the groundwork for the epic match. Tex Rickard's dream grew into a million dollar fight in Jersey City in 1921, the very first time that mark had been reached.

The fight was been romanticized several times over. It should be recalled it was a 169-pounder against a 188-pounder. It was one of the game's greatest hitters against a first-rate light heavyweight.

The simple facts are that Dempsey started out to carry the little Frenchman but, when Georges let go his best shot, a straight right, Jack quickly changed his plans. In the fourth round, he exploded his right hand to the jaw. Georges survived two knockdowns. He was still trying to get up when he was counted out.

The public never forgot. Their children never forgot. The Frenchman became an American legend.

But Cerdan, born in Algeria, had a touch of drama that also makes it difficult to forget him.

George Kanter, our guide through the maze of French boxing, says: "America didn't see Cerdan until he was on the way out. He was the best in the world as a welterweight. At one time (around 1937), he was considered for a match with Henry Armstrong, who held three titles at once. I honestly think Marcel was so fast, so busy, so well conditioned, that he would have beaten Armstrong. Frankly, I was not impressed by his career as a middleweight. It was anti-climactic.

"He defeated an old man (Tony Zale at thirty-five, and he was getting on himself when he lost to LaMotta. Fate was against him, no matter."

The writer was witness to the first act of deadly drama. We had gone to meet Cerdan on arrival by ship. Marcel was planning to meet Jake LaMotta in mid-summer. He wanted to regain his title.

As a matter of fact, he put it in these words: "I win the title back or—I die."

Cerdan went up to the Catskills to train. At a strange time for a strange event LaMotta appeared in the office of promoter Jim Norris and said: "I'm afraid I'll have to ask for a delay, I've got a pain in my neck."

He proved a pain in the neck. The match had to be put back until late fall, six months later.

Cerdan reacted in true Gallic fashion. "So?" he said, "we'll fight him in the late fall."

He returned to France to train. But time moved too slowly for him. He booked reservations for Oct. 26 on an Air France Constellation flight to New York. A week before departure, he was asked to make an appearance on the 26th at Troyes, a dairy town one hundred miles southwest of Paris.

He agreed. "We'll leave on the 27th."

On Oct. 27, 1949, the plane left Orly Field with thirty-seven passengers (a crew of eleven), including Cerdan.

When the airship was ten minutes late at the Azores, Orly was worried. Soon, the Constellation's whereabouts became a frightening possibility. By dawn, the terrifying news was out. The plane had hit a mountain peak, fifty miles off course, with forty-eight lives snuffed out.

A piteous shriek was heard in a theater where Edith Piaf, magic songstress, was to play. She and Marcel had been love, in every sense of the word. Marcel's wife and family in Algeria mourned him publicly. In reality, Marcel had lived with Piaf a long time.

Kanter says that Cerdan generally is regarded as the second best fighter in French history. But he begs to differ. "My second best is Marcel Thil, an earlier middleweight champion of France and also world's champion," Kanter said. "I'll tell you why."

"For better than fifteen years (1925-1936) he met a far greater variety of opponents than Cerdan, believe me. He was enormously powerful and drove punches to head and body with mathematical precision against all styles and all temperaments. He handled Len Harvey (1-1), when Len was the best light heavy in England, and he beat Kid Tunero (2-1) when the Cuban was a master boxer-puncher. The U.S. saw a fraction of his original self against Fred Apostoli."

Kanter remembers the epoch of Eugene Criqui, the hard-as-nails featherweight, although as a manager he is severly critical of his acceptance of a title bout in New York twenty-eight days after his conquest of Johnny Kilbane here in 1923.

"I have to say that he and his manager, Papa Taitard, pulled the outstanding boner of all-time. Were they amateurs? Obviously, they weren't. And they chose the toughest opponent available, Johnny Dundee. He couldn't hope to win it."

He has a nostalgic feeling about Charles Ledoux, who did well in years of campaigning only to run into Criqui, who beat Ledoux early and late. He is respectful of Andre Routis, who bested LeDoux for the French bantamweight championship in 1924 and came across the ocean in 1926 to initiate a big push which culminated in his defeat of Tony Canzoneri for the world's featherweight title in 1928 at the old Madison Square Garden.

Emile (Spider) Pladner, out of Clermont-Ferrand, battled his way up among the flyweights, gaining the title from American Frankie Genaro, and then moved successfully amidst the bantamweights. Kanter places him in the same bracket as Victor (Young) Perez, industrious product of Tunis, who fought from 1928 to 1938.

Perez's last fight was in Berlin in 1938. He was of Jewish parentage and he was swept up in a Nazi blood bath with his family, which had been living in Germany. All sight of him was lost and it is believed that he was killed in a concentration camp.

Kanter has two favorites whom he is certain will have their place in French boxing.

"Robert Villemain, a stubby, stubborn middleweight, who arrived at the Garden with a gory defeat by Steve Belloise and returned to become a crowd favorite. He licked Jake LaMotta over the weight to qualify for a title bout which he didn't get.

"Then there was Jean-Claude Bouttier, a middleweight who had class and courage and who lived up to everything. A champion in every sense."

"But," said George, "there is only one number one. Carpentier, who had a run of fifty years' popularity."

And maybe forever in New York.

GLEN FLANAGAN PASSES ON

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Campbell, Eddie Chavez, Tommy Collins, Gene Smith, Lulu Perez, Corky Gonzales, Jimmy Carter, Duilio Loi, Kenny Lane, and Orlando Zulueta.

Flanagan became involved with the nightclub and insurance business after retirement, eventually owning his own agency in St. Paul. He remained in boxing, though, as he turned manager, handling Jim Beattie, Jerry Conrad, Plummer Willis, Leroy Benson, and Gordie McDougall. He also tried his hand at promoting, having one show in Montevideo, Minn., and two in St. Paul. He ran for the St. Paul city council in 1957, but was unsuccessful.

Glen Flanagan was a tough little battler who never gave up; courage was one of his fortes. St. Paul may never see the likes of him again. After retiring, Flanagan said, "Without a doubt, I consider beating Gene Smith on television as the highlight." But seeing him in his heyday was a highlight for anyone. He will be sadly missed.

THOMPSON IS CROWNED SOUTH PACIFIC CHAMPION

By JOHN McGRATH

Suva, Fiji — A steaming Saturday afternoon, and Sakaraia (Zachariah) Ve, of Fiji met Hector Thompson, Australia, for the new title, "Welterweight Champion of the South Pacific."

The fight was held in the disused Laucala Bay seaplane hangar, an airless shell dimly lit by skylights. The promoter was Noor Mahomet.

On the first bell, Ve hurtled across the ring and caught Thompson in his corner, scoring heavily with a left hook and a right cross, and followed up with a furious fusilade of blows, mostly to the head.

Ve poured on the punches, but they landed mostly on Thompson's arms.

Ve went after Thompson and connected with three lightning lefts to the face and a bruising right to the chest.

By the end of the round, Thompson's eyebrow was puffed.

At the start of the second, Ve was in less of a hurry, but waded in aggressively, repeatedly scoring high on the head with his left, and landing rights on Thompson's eye.

In the third round, 'Ve Bomb' sustained his head attack and Thompson seemed to be taking a lot of punishment. But he fought back gamely and unleashed some beautiful punches.

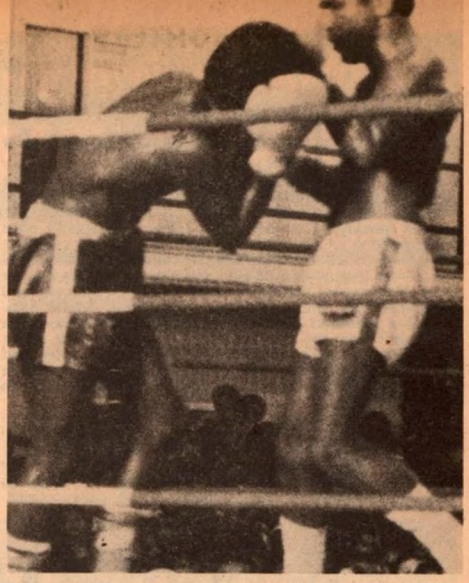
Ve punished the head, and bloodied Thompson's mouth. Right on the bell Thompson landed crushing left and right thumps to the body.

At the start of the fourth, Thompson seemed to have shaken off the effects of his early battering, and he carried the fight to Ve, scoring all the time with straight lefts to the head and rights to the body.

In the fifth round Ve's left hook lead worked to devestating effect to Thompson's head, especially as it was usually followed up with a crashing right to the head.

In the sixth round Ve was still landing his left lead, a cunning shallow hook, high on Thompson's head and scoring with heavy right hands to the head.

But Thompson was trading straight lefts to the face, two and three to a bunch, hard rights to the body.



Hector Thompson catches Sakaraia Ve in mid-ring in their fight for the South Pacific welterweight title.

In the seventh, Ve slowed up.

Thompson seemed to be on both sides of Ve at once, hitting very rapidly with heavy punches, with nearly every blow getting to where it counted.

The bell, and Ve saged. His seconds work frantically, but at the bell for the eighth he can't get off the stool and Hector Thompson wins his seventy-third fight with his twenty-sixth knockout.

ARKANSAS ACTION

By ARLIE METHENY

▲LITTLE ROCK — Little Rock promoter Tony Gardner's "Las Vegas Style" main even ten-round junior welterweight match between Sean O'Grady of Oklahoma City and Juan Garcia, or Corpus Christi, Tx., was considerably abbreviated at 1:38 into the second round when O'Grady hit Garcia flush on the jaw with a straight right to end the fight.

Gardner said, "You don't really expect Sean's fights to go the distance, but I had expected Gardia to last longer than two rounds. Garcia went five rounds with Jimmy Heair in Memphis last year and gave a good account of himself and recently he has gone ten rounds with some pretty good Texas fighters."

O'Grady seemed to be the difference because it was obvious, from thirty seconds in the first round, that he could take Garcia when he got ready.

Sean said his father and manager, Pat O'Grady told him to take iteasy the first round and feel Garcia out, and that at the end of the first round, he was told to go out and go to work.

The eight-round welterweight barnburner between Jamaican Basio Buchanan and Billy Miller, of Austin, Tx., help relieve the fans disappointment in the O'Grady-Garcia match.

Miller, a plodding southpaw, started wading in at the first bell and kept it up for eight rounds. Buchanan was able to counter effectively in the early rounds. Miller took a standing eight-count in the third and Buchanan took a standing eight in the fourth.

Buchanan began to reach Miller with a right lead in the fifth and Miller went to his corner at the end of the round on wobbly legs and appeared to be in serious trouble. He came out in the sixth and went to Buchanan's body with hard lefts that noticeably slowed Buchanan. Even so, Miller took an eight-count in the sixth.

Both fighters suffered cut left eyes in the seventh round and were examined by the doctor before they could continue. Miller finished strong in the eighth, but it was just a little bit too little and too late. Buchanan took the decision by one point.

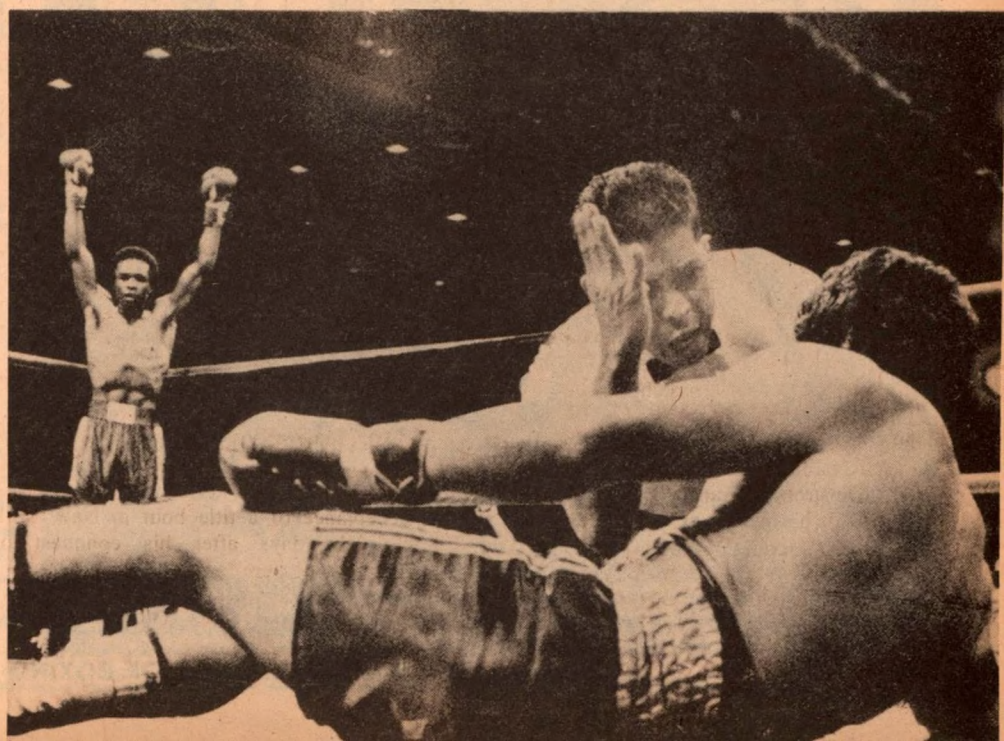
They received standing ovations at the end of each round from the fourth on.

In a four-round junior welter tilt between Little Rock's Robert Jackson and John Morgan of Dallas, the first minute looked like an even match, with Morgan the aggressor. Jackson tagged Morgan with a right to the head. Morgan came back strong and-bing. Jackson's right exploded flush on the chin at 2:58 of the first round.

The four-round middleweight bout between Shannon Williams of Little Rock and Alfred Torina of Houston (a last minute sub for Jesse Montemayor) went to 2:19 of the second round before Williams kayoed Torina with a left to the jaw.

LEONARD WINS AGAIN

Sugar Ray Leonard raises his arms in victory as referee Roger Yanez counts Daniel Gonzalez out in 2:03 of the first round. Leonard, 148, floored Gonzalez, 146, for a six-count with an overhand right to the jaw before putting him away for keeps with a hard left and a straight right. The scheduled ten-rounder was held in the Tucson Community Center in Tucson, Arizona. Leonard is now 20-0 as a professional, with fourteen knockouts.



FELT FORUM

By ARTHUR REMBERT

▲ NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.—Light heavyweight contender Eddie Gregory remained in the thick of things by virtue of his ten-round unanimous decision win over Pat Cuillo. Coming in at 186, his heaviest ever as a pro, Gregory got started quickly as he bounced Cuillo around with hard combinations in the first round. The upstater (Buffalo, N.Y.) responded the way anyone with common sense would—he held. Cuillo, at 185, and reputed to be a banger (13-2, ten kayoes) appeared content to hold, counter, and try sneak right leads whenever "the flame" would back off for a breather. This system kept Eddie honest for a while, but from the fifth round on there was little doubt about the outcome. Cuillo is by no means a stiff and could be as tough as his record indicates, but against Gregory he fought the type of fight he had to in order to go the distance.

Unbeaten heavyweight Gerry Cooney made short work of Charlie Johnson when he knocked him out at 1:51 of the first round. A left hook to the jaw had Johnson down briefly earlier in the round, but it was an overhand right followed by a left hook to the body that convinced Johnson that he'd rather be back home in Alliance, Ohio. Cooney, at 226, simply overpowered Johnson 197, as he ran his record to 17-0-0 with thirteen kayoes. The big guy from Huntington, N.Y., was scheduled to meet heavyweight Mike Tarasewich had both fighters gained victories. Cooney did his part, Tarasewich did not do his.

Mike Tarasewich, 186, Frankensteined his way to defeat at the hands of Rodell Dupree, 188. Dupree, like everyone else in the Felt Forum, was waiting for Tarasewich, who doesn't like being called "The Mad Russian" to get started until he realized that it was the seventh round and he was ahead. Dupree decided to get started and won the fight going away. Dupree upped his record to 8-10-0 as Tarasewich fell to 5-1-1.

Comebacking Cocoa Sanchez suffered a very tough defeat at the hands of Ralph Racine. Sanchez, 136, seemingly way ahead going into the tenth round, was knocked out at 1:17 of the final stanza when Racine, 133, finally caught up with him. Racine's record is now 22-5-2 with eleven kayoes, while Sanchez falls to 24-6-2 with nine kayoes.

John Locicero, 157½, halted Muhammad Ali look-alike Ali Perez, 161½, in the second round of what was to have been a sixer. Locicero ended matters at 2:28 of the second stanza when he backed Perez into the ropes and unleashed a barrage that sent him almost through the ropes. Referee Sid Rubenstein didn't have to hurry while counting Perez out.

Middleweight Norberto Sabater, 159, won a unanimous decision over Danny Pate, 157, while George Lee, 158, whipped Al Lockard, 160. Both bouts were four rounders. The 2,042 hearty souls in attendance produced a gross gate of $19-,503.27.

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WESTCHESTER

By ARNOLD "OSSIE" FELDMAN

▲ WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.—Westchester County Center—Marciano Bernardi, 160, stopped Angel Peralez, 161½, in the seventh round, but not before Angel had caused him trouble.

Before the end of the first round, Peralez landed a left hook and a right cross that dropped Bernardi for an eight-count. They traded hard punches for the next five rounds. By the end of the sixth, Bernardi seemed to be getting stronger and Peralez seemed to weaken. At the start of the seventh, Bernardi swarmed all over Peralez. He got him in a corner and gave him a good battering. When Angel failed to return the punches, referee George Coyle stopped the contest at 1:29. A great win for Bernardi.

Marvin Jenkins, 141½, came out fast in the first round against Jesse Rogers, 143. Before Rogers could get started, Jenkins landed two terrific left hooks to the midsection, and the bout was over in 1:10 of the first round.

There were seven bouts in all, five ending in kayoes. Renaldo Snipes, 208, weakened Sam Miller, 181, with very heavy punches, and, after several knockdowns, the bout was stopped at 1:24 of the third round.

Terry Mann, 160, dropped Ray Briant, 164, in the second round with a hard right. Bryant kept fighting back, but Mann proved too much for him and was awarded the unanimous decision.

Ken Fusco, 145, landed a looping right hand which put Keith York down for an eight-count in the first round. Seconds later, a flurry of punches put York down for keeps. The time was 1:07.

Joe Tiferi, 150, dropped Charles Benjamin, 149, toward the end of the first round with a well-timed right. In the second, Tiferi knocked Benjamin out of the ring and the referee stopped the contest at 2:04.

In the opener. Gino Perez, 128, fought a four-round draw with Felix Bethea, 126. Felix dropped Gino with a right hand in the first round with a right. After the eight count, Perez had Bethea staggering before the round was over. There were some very good exchanges the rest of the way, and the decision in favor of a draw was well received.

The card was promoted by Momentum Enterprises. Carol Castellano and Nick Gamboli were the judges. The refereeing chores were split between George Coyle and Lew Eskin. The temperature outside was in the teens, but the action in the ring was hot.

JERSEY JABS

By ART MAXIM

▲ TOTOWA—Ice World—A sellout crowd of three thousand saw Scott Frank TKO tough challenger Guy "The Rock" Casale to retain his New Jersey heavyweight championship. When referee Larry Hazzard stopped the bout after the bell rang ending the ninth, Casale's right eye was nearly closed from a cut he sustained in the fourth round.

It was a brawl that tested the strength and endurance of both fighters. Frank stung Casale with sharp left hands throughout the early going and kept the challenger off balance with frequent combinations. Casale mounted a vicious body attack in the third and fourth rounds, but late in the fourth, The Rock was caught with a left which cut his right eye and his troubles began.

Frank took control in the fifth round with accurate jabs and hooks that piled up the points. The eighth was a big one for Frank and Casale was fortunate to survive the round. Early in the ninth, during a clinch in Frank's corner, the champion emerged with a cut over his left eye.

It didn't bother Frank, who weighed 208 to Casale's 203. He came out banging away with both hands once again and nearly put Casale away. "The guy thought he was Marciano," Frank said afterwards, "that there was no way he was going to be stopped. I don't know how he took all those punches."

Frank warded off a continuing body attack by Casale, whose record now stands at 11-2-3. "I knew he would concentrate on my body and I trained for it," said the titleholder (7-0 with five knockouts). When the end came, referee Hazzard had Frank leading 7-1-1 while judge Paul Venti had him up, 9-0, and judge Paul Cavalier had it for Frank, 7-2.

In other bouts on the card, light heavyweight Christy Elliott lost a rematch to Barry Hill. Hill, who ran into a TKO during their last clash, used jabs and kept Elliott confused by switching from right to left en route to a majority decision.

Bayonne junior welterweight Nino Gonzales, sometimes accused of being a slow starter, came out of his corner with a flying barage to smash Irvin Booth for a TKO at 1:59 of the first round. Gonzales ran his unbeaten streak to eight.

Also, junior featherweight Rocky Lockridge claimed a second-round KO over Melvin Bethea; Paterson middleweight Rusty Rosenberg won a decision over veteran Jose River; Mike Hammony claimed a light heavyweight triumph over Dave Bird at 2:35 of the second; and welterweight Joe Tiberi knocked out Ray Rivera at 2:22 of the second round.

A big plus for promoter Danny Duva, who had better start looking for a bigger arena. He could have sold twice as many tickets, and the fans that were there saw a great card.

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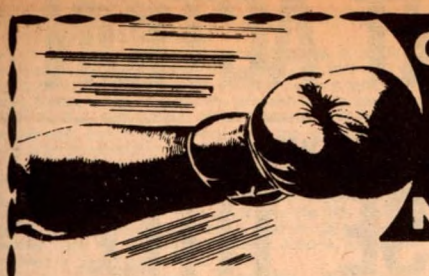

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ORIENT ACTION

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

MAKI RETAINS JAPANESE TITLE

Korakuen Hall, Tokyo, Japan—National flyweight champion Koichi Maki, twenty-three years of age, is the speedster who completely annoyed WBA junior flyweight leader Yoko Gushiken but lost close decision in the latter's debut and second bout four years and a half ago.

Regarded as a powder-puff puncher, Maki scored only three knockouts in seventeen previous wins against nine defeats and three draws. However, the excellent jabber gained the national crown by an upset ten-round decision from left-hooking champ Kenji Kato, and beat him again by a shutout nod this time last year.

Speedy and sharp Maki displayed fine progress in combination punching, as he stopped shorter challenger Ryu Kaionji thirty-nine seconds into the eighth round. It was Maki's second defense.

Kaionji, one year his senior, recently came back from Mexico, where the busy infighter battled twice and won once. The shaven skulled hombre was a fast rising puncher with ten wins (five by kayo) against five defeats and one draw.

Defending champ Maki, in the first three rounds, appeared to make the mistake of going toe-to-toe against the heavier punching Kaionji. They exchanged sharp shots and fought on even terms. Kaionji, a stablemate of WBA titlist Gushiken, attempted to employ his familiar rough-and-tumble style, but Maki picked up his pace as he outjabbed and outpunched him to win the fourth session.

Maki repeated the hit-and-run tactics and had the bobbing challenger backpedaling occasionally. The fifth round was also taken by the champ.

The hardest fought round was the sixth, when Kaionji came forward to throw roundhouse rallies, while Maki responded with smashing one-twos to the face. It was an even round.

The stoppage happened early in the seventh session. Maki aggressively traded fast blows and cornered his fading opponent with a flurry of punches. Perhaps a couple of dozen blows were thrown to the challenger, then referee Yoshida declared a rope down. Kaionji, groggy, with his elbows on the top rope, was unable to beat the count.

Some 1,500 spectators celebrated Maki's twenty-third birthday that night. Despite the encouragement of his manager Manzo Kikuchi, former national feather leader, Maki seems a still modest youngster.

He says, "I'm not yet in such a class as to fight for the world title." Boy, be ambitious!

Japanese flyweight champion Koichi Maki sends a left to the head of challenger Ryu Kaionji in Korajuen Hall in Tokyo. Maki kept his crown by stopping Kaionji in the eighth.

Maki dropped a hairline decision to OPBF (Oriental & Pacific Boxing Federation) flyweight boss Chikara Igarashi last October, but it was very close.

In a supporting ten, bright rookie Tadashi Mihara, Japan's top contender in the junior middleweight class, needed only eighty-seven seconds to flatten Fil Robinson, ex-Filipino champion. He has now scored four wins, all by knockout, in as many pro bouts. Mihara, an upright stylist, turned professional after he gained the national amateur championship. Each tipped the beam at the 154-pound limit.

Unbeaten hope Shuichi Hozumi, 110 pounds and nineteen years old, floored left-hander Masao Sugawara, 109¾, three times to finish the latter midway in the fifth round. A right uppercut was the haymaker.

In the preliminary, 37-year-young Akira Isobe, former famous Rugby player at 153 pounds, made a good debut by halting Isao Ueda, 152¾, at 2:00 of the fourth round. The aggressive rookie is being piloted by ex-Orient flyweight champ Hitoshi Misako.

JAPAN

▲ **KORAKUEN HALL, TOKYO**—A gathering of two thousand plus came to the Hall to enjoy a sensational card. Aggressive Shuichi Isogami, WBC eighth-ranked bantam contender at twenty-three, engaged in a non-title tenner with national junior feather champ Yu Kasahara, whom the former demolished in the tenth and final round. Both entered the ring half a pound heavier than the 122-pound super bantam limit. Kasahara, older by two years and with a 15-2 record (ten within the distance), had failed to wrest the WBA title from Korea's Hong Soo-Hwan, losing a fifteen-round unanimous decision on February 1, last year. Taller Kasahara made good use of his stinging lefts to dominate the first two rounds by a clearcut margin.

However, Isogami, who entered the WBC top ten with his important victory over then OPBF bantam ruler Kim Yung-Shik last August, began to catch the elusive target in round three.

Boring in persistently, Isogami took the fourth and fifth rounds as he nailed the bearded footworker to the ropes with a barrage of punches. Kasahara, a lanky jabber, should have kept moving in order to avert Isogami's vaunted combinations. But he recklessly responded with fewer punches in the center of the squared circle and was compelled to retreat continually. Kasahara suffered plenty of rope downs after being battered with his back against the ropes.

In round seven, Kasahara was floored for a mandatory eight-count.

The loser appeared fatigued and flat-footed. He was downed once to the canvas and once to the ropes during the eighth session.

Isogami's merciless attack had him helpless in the tenth round. At 2:03 of the final stanza, referee Shimakawa called a halt to award a kayo triumph to Isogami.

The one-sided victor's record now reads eighteen wins (with thirteen knockouts) against one defeat (by Go Mifune in 1976) and two draws. Some promoters suggest that Isogami have a crack at Jorge Lujan's WBA world bantam throne, but this reporter advises the hope to improve his defensive ability a bit more.

In a semi-windup eight, hard-punching Kenichi Ito proved stronger at the mix-up, as he battered Hideyoshi Horinaga, former Shinjin-o (Novice King) winner, dropped him with a vicious combo in the seventh and gained a unanimous verdict. They were fast featherweight fighters who both scaled in at 126 pounds. The win upped the 23-year-old puncher's record to 13-3-2 with six kayos. Ito will enter the JBC top ten with his impressive win from the sixth ranker, Horinaga.

There were five preliminary four-rounders, three of which saw quick KOs.

▲ **KORAKUEN HALL, TOKYO**—Many fans out of an estimated 1,500 left the Hall, much pleased to have seen a semi-final eight-rounder without waiting for the main event tenner.

Sensational flyweight Koki Ishii, the gold medalist in the Asian Games last year, made a successful debut in halting more experienced Shinji Taki, 112½, at 1:23 of the seventh round of a scheduled eight. Ishii, a son of an American black father and a Japanese mother, was a 24-year-old speedster who received the Best Amateur Award from the Writers Club for the last two years because of his winning many titles. Ishii, with an amateur record of 57-8 including 29 stoppages, proved a possesser of busy hands, if not powerful, whipping second-rater Taki from all angles. Up to the referee's declaration of a knockout, Ishii dominated all rounds and scored a couple of rope downs. The peekaboo stylist avoided almost all

of Taki's roundhouse blows to swarm over him with continual shots at the face and bread basket.

Taki kept retreating from corner to corner. Taki, in the fatal seventh session, sagged against the ropes and Ishii was on him like a cat, raining punches at the trial horse's face. The third man, Morita, wisely stopped the proceedings to save the loser from further punishment. Ishii, however, will have to master that crisp punching essential for a top professional, if he wants to be successful in the pro field.

The main ten-rounder witnessed Kosei Kawaguchi, a stablemate of Ishii, drop lefty rough swinger Shigeyoshi Adachi, JBC top feather contender at 125¾ pounds, time and again to finish him twenty-nine seconds into the fifth session. Kawaguchi, 15-3 with only three kayos and at 125½, utilized his reach to batter the 26-year-old veteran Adachi, whose record dropped to 19-8-2 with eleven kayoes.

Invited by SB Kawaguchi Promotion, WBA junior middleweight titlist Masahi Kudo appeared in two sparring sessions with Takeshi Igarashi, a 1978 Shinjin-o victor.

▲**KORAKUEN HALL, TOKYO**—New bantamweight leader Kosei Anan fought for the first time since he wrested the national title from Jo Araki in the Carnival of Champions last November.

Anan defeated more experienced Futaro Tanaka by a unanimous decision in ten heats. There were no knockdowns, though Anan had the willing mixer at bay with solid combos at the face in round eight.

In the first half, especially in the fifth canto, Tanaka battled gamely with a two-fisted attack to keep up with the younger champ.

Both entered the ring two pounds heavier than the bantam limit. Tanaka, in 1977, had the experience of meeting Korea's Hong Soo Hwan in a semi-final to decide the WBA world junior featherweight crown, but recently suffered a series of setbacks, due, perhaps, to his declining power.

In a supporting six, Takashi Kaneda outscored Kazutoshi Kobayashi in a junior welterweight contest. They scaled in at 140 pounds.

In another sixer, Masaru Yamamoto stopped Hideaki Sawada in the fourth session. Both were banties half a pound under the limit.

Some 1,300 customers were in attendance at the Hall.

▲ **OSAKA**—It was a special card for the recent retirement of ex-Orient junior lightweight champion Apollo Yoshio before some two thousand spectators.

Welterweight Tatsuo Ohara, a stablemate of Apollo at 139½, was knocked out by hard-punching Tsutomu Matsuo, 140, at 1:23 of the seventh round. Matsuo, who had iced ten victims in his twelve previous wins against five defeats and two draws, showed his superior power and battered his taller opponent. The victor was leading in every round. His vicious body bombardment sank Ohara on the deck for the count.

In a semi-final ten, Phenix Uchida, 106¾, sent vulnerable jawed Mikio Uchida, 108, twice to the deck in the third round and demolished him with two more knockdowns at 1:34 of the fifth session.

Former champ Apollo Yoshio made his final ring appearance and engaged in two sparring sessions with his clubmate, Ryoichi Kuroki. He was still sharp with hands and feet.

Apollo, twenty-eight, attempted to take the world junior lightweight crown on three occasions, to no avail. The footworker ran out of gas in late rounds to lose a close but unanimous decision to Mexico's Ricardo Arredondo in 1973. In the next year, Apollo utilized his agility to fight to a fifteen-round draw with Filipino champ Ben Villaflor in Toyama. In 1977, the Orient titlist went to San Juan but lost a unanimous decision to taller jabber Samuel Serrano in fifteen frames. In November of the year, he dropped a twelve round nod to Rey Tam in Baguio City, Philippines, and lost the Orient title that he had gained by stopping FILIPINO Little Galego in April, 1975. Apollo, once rated by *The Ring* Mag., compiled an overall record of thirty-two wins including twelve knockouts against ten defeats and four draws. The technician will be a trainer for ambitious youngsters while managing his own coffee shop in Osaka.

Another announcement to hang up gloves for good was made by former WBC lightweight champion, Guts (Suzuki) Ishimatsu. Ishimatsu will be a TV commentator for TV Asahi as well as a unique personality on television programs. He has had his own Art Production for years.

Ishimatsu, then neglected, made a reckless challenge to WBC titlist Rodolfo Gonzalez, whom he stopped in eight upset rounds to become the first Japanese fighter to win a world lightweight crown in April, 1974. The scrappy puncher registered five defenses, finishing ex-champ Gonzales in twelve rounds, being held to a draw by Mexican Tury Pineda whom Ishimatsu decisioned in a 15-round rematch, beating Ken Buchanan unanimously, and polishing off Alvaro Lopez in fourteen sessions. He said a farewell to the WBC version, as he was dethroned by Puerto Rican Esteban DeJesus via a fifteen-round verdict in May, 1976. Ishimatsu's total record was thirty-one wins (with seventeen knockouts) against fourteen defeats and six draws.

THAILAND

▲ **LUMPINI STADIUM, BANGKOK**—Former WBC junior flyweight champion Netrnoi Sor Vorasingh continued his steady comeback trail, as he defeated Korea's flyweight titlist, Lee Seung-Hoon in twelve unanimous rounds.

Victor Netrnoi weighed in a pound lighter than Lee's 113.

Despite his disadvantages in height and reach, the Thai lefthander, called "Shorty," kept getting inside on the much taller Korean and pounding him at the midsection and the face as well.

Lee was bleeding so profusely that the TBC (Thailand Boxing Commission) physician examined his gash in the eleventh round, and reluctantly allowed the Korean champ to go on for the remainder of the bout. Having sunk ex-world flyweight champ Erbito Salavarria of the Philippines within the distance in his previous showing last December, Netrnoi, who stands only five feet, remains a top notcher in the WBC ratings.

KOREA

KBC (Korea Boxing Commission) announced its latest ratings, which included plenty of OPBF champions to prove boxing is a very popular sport in the country. Korean outstanding champs are as follows: WBC world junior flyweight titleholder Kim Sung-Jun; OPBF leaders junior featherweight Chung Soon-Hyun (who lost a disputed split decision to Ricardo Cardona, WBA kingpin, last November), junior flyweight Chung Sang-Il, junior lightweight Choi Moon-Suk (who dethroned Filipino Rey Tam in November last), lightweight Oh Yung-Ho (who failed to take the WBA title via a kayo by Puerto Rican Samuel Serrano in San Juan last July), middleweight Yuh Jae-Do with the record-breaking twenty-one defenses, and very remarkable junior welterweight Kim Sang-Hyun (who became the WBC champion with a thirteenth round knockout over Thai Saensak Muangsurin on December 30).

National titlists are: junior flyweight Kim Makdong, flyweight Lee Seung-Hoon, bantamweight Park In-Kyu (an unbeaten speedster who drew with the current OPBF champ Eijiro Murata, Japan, in Tokyo last year), junior featherweight Baek Chong-Woo, featherweight Yun Suk-Tae, junior lightweight Moon Tae-Jin, Lightweight Lee Yidano (the son of ex-Orient junior middle boss, Lee Ansano), junior welterweight Kim Chong-Ho, welterweight Kim Joo-Suk, junior middleweight Kim Young-Taek, and middleweight Park Chong-Pal.

INDONESIA

▲**JAKARTA**—In the finals of the president's Cup Amateur Tournaments, with the entries of ten countries, the Soviet Union won six gold medals in eleven classes to South Korea's two and each one for Indonesia, Algiers, and Australia. Japan gained only two bronze medals.

The Russian victors are as follows: light flyweight Sabirov Shamil outscored Indonesia's Herry Maitimmu, lightweight Yuri Prokhorov won from Frenchman Mustapha Keddari, welterweight Pyotor Galkin knocked out Koko Pangaribuan of Indonesia, middleweight Shin Vladmir outclassed Algeria's Hadjiovi Farid, light heavyweight David Kwachadze beat Richard Caramanolis of France, and heavyweight Indjan Khoren stopped Indonesian Krismanto.

Other gold medalists are: Korean flyweight Kim Kwang-Suk won from Julianus Bunga of Indonesia, featherweight Lim Beung-Djin of Korea outpointed Indonesia's Erwin Syah, Algerian light middleweight Eugene Mora whipped France's Stephane Ferrare, and Australia's Brian Tink won the light welterweight medal from Russian Victor Kotovshikov.

There is a possibility that Russian boxers will dominate most of the divisions in the next Olympic Games.

PHILIPPINES

Many national title contests took place and there are some new champions.

▲ **DAVAO CITY**—Arman Bangoyan became the Filipino junior lightweight titlist, as he defeated Fred "Bruce Lee" Basa by a unanimous decision in twelve rounds. Each entered the ring at 128 pounds in a card promoted by Agustin Garcia.

▲ **ANGELS CITY**—Featherweight boss Nene Jun, 126, successfully kept his diadem by unanimously beating Boy Reyes, 125½ pounds, in ten hot frames.

▲ **MANILA**—In a card promoted by Paciencia Hitosis, featuring four tenners, Aquilino Nicolas, Jr., a perennial contender at 153, wrested the junior middleweight crown by stopping Armando Boniquit, 150 pounds, midway in the fourth session of their scheduled ten rounder.

In a supporting ten, ex-junior welterweight leader Dan de Guzman, 147½, who outgrew that class after dethroned by Ruben Rabago last September, easily won a unanimous decision over Jong Satheragym, 147.

▲ **MANILA**—National junior feather ruler Ric Diamale, 118¼, proved he was stronger than Jaime Enriques, 121¾, from whom the champ won a unanimous verdict to keep his title in twelve good rounds.

The promoter was Elixer Navoa.

▲ **MANILA**—The Philippines' most promising hope and WBC seventh-ranked lightweight contender, Celso Esmero, 135½, surprised the crowd, as he demolished Vanlop Vorasingh, three pounds lighter, in the first and only round. Sharp Esmelo, twenty-one years of age, is being piloted by ex-world junior lightweight champion Flash Elorde.

▲ **CEBU CITY**—Former world flyweight titleholder Bernabe Villacampo, 114½, seems to have passed his peak. He continued a losing run and suffered an eighth round TKO at the hand of Billy Abato, Filipino bantam leader at the same weight, in their scheduled non-title ten.

▲ **MISAMIS ORIENTAL**—GAB (Games and Amusements Board, the Commission of the Philippines) fifth-ranked bantie, Bob Castor, impressively kayoed Mario Masa in the ninth round of a card promoted by Narciso Martinez.

The each weighed in at 119 pounds.

▲ **DAVAO CITY**—GAB sixth-ranked welterweight Erning Marin, 150, lost a ten-round decision to Al Rodrigo, 147 pounds.

▲ **GENE, SANTOS CITY**—In a junior lightweight tenner, hard-hitting Max Boy Toyogon was a TKO victor over Lito Pena in the seventh round. Each scaled in at 130 pounds.

▲ **QUEZON CITY**—Filipino third-ranked 122-pounder Bernie Solis halted Chito Adigue in the fourth session of a scheduled ten. Both entered the ring one pound heavier than the junior feather limit.

▲ **BAGUIO CITY**—GAB second-ranked flyweight Melchor Degsi, 107, outpunched Japanese Nobuyuki Watanabe, 109 pounds, to win a unanimous decision in ten. In a companion tenner, Little Balsigan unanimously beat Rey Orbino. They each scaled at 121 pounds.

▲ **ANGELS CITY**—It was a card presented by Antonio Esguerra, one of the most active promoters in the Philippines.

Lightweight Dony Soriano, 134, defeated Mar Marin, 135, by a unanimous nod in ten heats. Bantie Eddie Miral, 118, was also a unanimous winner, from Al Sicat, 116½, in ten.

▲ **MANILA**—Lightweight Joe Lim, 137½, outpointed Leo Viajedor, at the same weight, in ten unanimous rounds.

▲ **CEBU CITY**—Lightweight Al Espinosa, 136, whipped Cereno Balaba, 134½, to gain a unanimous verdict in ten. GAB fifth junior flyweight, Josue Agcang, 110¼, decisively beat Flor Escobido, 109 pounds, ten.

▲ **AGUSAN SUR**—In a card promoted by Narciso Martinez, junior lightweight Ric Dolotalias technically kayoed Noldo Lancian in the third round of their scheduled tenner. Both entered the ring at the 130-pound limit.

▲ **DAVAO CITY**—Promoter Kasim Jumaani showed four tenners to Filipino fight fans here. Flyweight Ric Barimbad, 111, and Andy Balaba, 109½, battled to a majority draw in ten. Junior featherweight San Sacristan, 123, lost an upset unanimous decision to Roy Archillas, 123, in ten. With this victory, Arcillas received the GAB's Honorable Mention. Fifth-ranked junior welterweight Cris Boy Otero, 142, was defeated by William Mardizon, 139½, in ten unanimous frames.

Overweight featherweight, Nilo Acido, 130½, dropped a unanimous duke to Primo Bulambao, 128½ pounds, in ten.

▲ **QUEZON**—Rising flyweight Little Aguilar eked out a majority decision over Jimmy Boy in ten upset rounds. They were each two pounds heavier than the 112-pound limit.

ORIENTAL & PACIFIC RATINGS

BY THE ORIENTAL & PACIFIC BOXING FEDERATION

MIDDLEWEIGHTS	JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS	JR. WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion	Champion	Champion	Champion
Jae Do Yuh	Jae Keun Yim (K)	Ryu Serimachi (J)	Sang Chung Kim (K)
1. Wally Carr (A)	1. Kenji Shibata (J)	1. Akio Kameda (J)	1. Chong Ho Kim (K)
2. Rudy Siregar (I)	2. Aquilino Nicolas, Jr. (P)	2. Gideon Toyogon (J)	2. Noboru Hatakeyama (J)
3. Chong Pal Park (K)	3. Tadashi Mihara (J)	3. Neil Patteli (A)	3. Minoru Sugiya (J)
4. Katsuo Ezashi (J)	4. Yong Taek Kim (K)	4. Joo Suk Kim (K)	4. Ruben Rabago (P)
5. Al Korevov (A)	5. Michihiro Horihata (J)	5. Hetor Thompson (A)	5. Jeff Malcolm (A)
6. Nam Yong Park (K)	6. Eddie Buttons (A)	6. Kunphol Sakorphitak (T)	6. Moises Cantoja (P)
7. Cassius Naito (J)	7. Chung Shik Kim (K)	7. Mak Dok Lee (K)	7. Chong Chul Choi (K)
8. Ramon Dionisio (P)	8. Armando Boniquito (P)	8. Dan De Guzman (P)	8. Eiichi Fukumoto (J)
9. Torkano Marcos (A)	9. Thaminthong Singsamang (T)	9. Mitsuo Kushikino (J)	9. Togta Kiatvayupakdi (T)
10. Nessie Horiguchi (J)	10. Tsutomu Hagusa (J)	10. Namin Baek (K)	10. Petchsayarm Petcharen (T)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS	JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
Champion	Champion	Champion	Champion
Yun Ho Oh (K)	Royal Kobayashi (J)	Soo Hyun Chung (K)	Tsutomu Igarashi (J)
1. Many Israel (P)	1. Spider Nemoto (J)	1. Ric Dimale (P)	1. Jiro Takada (J)
2. Jenrub Muangsurin (T)	2. Suk Tae Yun (K)	2. Chong Wo Baek (K)	2. Koichi Maki (J)
3. Lee Iidana (K)	3. Shuzo Yoshida (J)	3. Dejvarin Hollywood (T)	3. Bernabe Villacampo (P)
4. Kiyoshi Kazama (J)	4. Bok Soo Hwang (K)	4. Yu Yashara (J)	4. Dan Pisalchai (T)
5. Barry Michel (A)	5. Nene June (P)	5. Dok Hyun Koh (K)	5. Arnel Arrozal (P)
6. Vechayun Senaphitak (T)	6. Klonyoth P. Punyoth (T)	6. Yukio Segawa (J)	6. Seun Hoon Lee (K)
7. Hitoshi Takahashi (J)	7. Kunpholek Sakornphitak (T)	7. Hiroyuki Iwamoto (J)	7. Hwang Soo Yang (K)
8. Joe Lim (P)	8. Romy Cunanan (P)	8. Brian Robert (A)	8. Steve Bell (A)
9. Changton Singthanongsakdi (T)	9. Koichi Matsushima (J)	9. Neptali Alamag (P)	9. Shigeo Nakajima (J)
10. Blakeney Matthnews (A)	10. Roland Navarete (P)	10. Morkasayoi Dejvarin (T)	10. Monsayam Mahachai (T)

BANTAMWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	JR. FLYWEIGHTS
Champion	Champion	Champion
Eijiro Murata (J)	Royal Kobayashi (J)	Sang Il Chung (K)
1. Yung Shik Kim (K)	1. Spider Nemoto (J)	1. Siony Carpo (P)
2. Kosei Anan (J)	2. Suk Tae Yun (K)	2. Kazunori Tenryu (J)
3. Billy Abato (P)	3. Shuzo Yoshida (J)	3. Mak Dong Kim (K)
4. Inkyo Park (K)	4. Bok Soo Hwang (K)	4. Chungcherng Borkorsor (T)
5. Paul Ferreri (A)	5. Nene June (P)	5. Ver Libradilla (P)
6. Jin Ishigaki (J)	6. Klonyoth P. Punyoth (T)	6. Pedro Solo (A)
7. Somkiat Sukothai (T)	7. Kunpholek Sakornphitak (T)	7. Tusgumasa Toma (J)
8. Venice Borkorsor (T)	8. Romy Cunanan (P)	8. Chukthep Chuwatana (T)
9. Harricane Teru (J)	9. Koichi Matsushima (J)	9. Young Hyun Kim (K)
10. Romy Roa (P)	10. Roland Navarete (P)	10. Santhong Sithumrong (T)

Legend: (J) Japan, (K) Korea, (P) Philippines, (T) Thailand, (A) Australia, (I) Indonesia.
Note: The OPBF does not rate boxers currently rated by world boxing organizations.

▲ **MARIKINA**—Junior welterweight Frankie Balasi, 139, scored a fine technical knockout over Villiam Gotera, 140 pounds, in the fifth round of their scheduled ten. The promoter was Grego Garcia.

▲ **ANGELS CITY**—In an undercard of a Nene Jun vs. Boy Reyes featherweight title go, junior lightweight Romy Cunanan outscored Rocky Gernandizo in ten. Both scaled in at the 130-pound limit.

Lightweight Young Deka Cruz, 137, lost a majority decision to Alex David, 136, ten.

▲ **MANILA**—In a supporting tenner for a Armando Boniquit vs. Aquilino Nicholas, Jr. junior middle title competition, bantamweight Cesar Amazan, 118½, won a unanimous decision over Danilo Berdida, 117½. Junior flyweight Lord Esmero, 105 pounds, unanimously beat Felix Gaan, 110, ten.

▲ **BATANGAS**—Bantie Raffy Saulong was a unanimous winner over Noe Canino in a ten-round main event. Both weighed in at 117½ pounds.

▲ **ANGELS CITY**—GAB second-ranked bantamweight Eddie Miral, 118 pounds, gained a unanimous nod from Rey Montemayor, 117½, in ten heats. Promoted by Antonio Esguerra.

▲ **OZAMIS CITY**—A dual tenner was presented by promoter Alex Leynes, Jr. GAB top 108-pounder Ver Libradilla proved too strong for Divino Inocian in ten unanimous rounds. They tipped the beam at 110 pounds each.

In a companion ten, Dario Melida unanimously beat Ric Dolotalas. Each scaled in at 133 pounds.

▲ **MANILA**—In a card promoted by Lope Sarreal, Jr., featuring the appearance of sensational Celso Esmero, WBC lightweight ranker Sandy Torres, 123½, lost an upset decision to Eddie Ballaran, 127, ten.

Flyweight William Develos, 113, defeated Peter Siscon, 111½, by a unanimous decision, ten.

▲ **CEBU CITY**—Nardito Adrayan, 130, eked out a majority decision over Wonder Boy Bulta, 129½, ten.

In another ten, Franco Torregosa, 112, fought to a majority draw with Flash Jordan, 112½.

▲ **MANILA**—Flyweight veteran George Pedroso, 112, lost an upset decision to Lino Boy Base, 109½, in ten. Welterweight Noli Galicha, 147 pounds, scored a third round TKO over Jimmy Geets, much lighter at 138½, in a scheduled tenner.

LAS VEGAS AREA

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

▲ LAS VEGAS—Miguel Estrada, 138, of El Paso Texas, revenged an earlier loss in Las Vegas, when he won a unanimous ten-round decision over Al Hughes, 135½, of Selma, Indiana.

The jr. welterweight bout was the main event at the Silver Slipper Strip Fight of the Week.

Estrada was an easy target for Hughes' left hooks in the early rounds, but the veteran boxer turned the tables in the later rounds and set up a body attack. Some impressive straight rights to the head gave Estrada the nod on the cards of all three judges.

In the heavyweight semi-main, Jimmy Ingram, 178, of Long Beach, Calif., registered a unanimous decision over Lynn Ball, 220, of Bossier City, La. This was Ball's first loss after seven straight wins—a loss he vows to avenge in future battles.

A four-round semi-main resulted in a unanimous decision when Andres Montoya, 138½, of Las Vegas, decisioned Angel Garcia, 136½, of Phoenix, Arizona. Garcia was saved from a kayo by the bell ending the fourth round.

Another four-rounder saw Ricky Samudio, 128, of Las Vegas, take a unanimous decision over James Catillo, 130½, of Bakersfield, Calif.

The heavyweight main event saw the only knockout of the night when Mike Westrich, 161, of Las Vegas, Nev., kayoed Charlie Merritt, 159, of Los Angeles, at 2:59 of the first round. Westrich had Merritt down twice before the final kayo, and scored his fifth straight win in the Silver Slipper ring.

▲ LAS VEGAS—Horace Shuffod, of Las Vegas, took eight fast-moving rounds to kayo his opponent, Rogelio Castenada, of Los Angeles, in the main event of the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week.

Shufford kept Castenada constantly at a distance, and countered effectively the few times his opponent's punches landed. The end came with Shufford's left hook-straight right combination at 2:39 of the eighth.

In the second half of the twin main event, Arturo Leon, the world-ranked jr. lightweight, took a unanimous decision over Danny Samudio, of Pomona, Calif.

Leon landed a strong left hook to the jaw in the first, and kept up the punishment through the remaining rounds. A right lead in the sixth closed Samudio's eye, but the game Californian refused to go down. The decision was the first loss for Samudio, in his sixth professional bout.

An exciting middleweight battle saw James Waire, of Los Angeles, take a majority decision over Chris Black of Las Vegas. Waire pounded Black through the first four rounds, but Black rallied to pick up points in the late frames. The scoring was close: Judge Charles Minker, scored an even 36-36; Harold Buck and Duane Ford both saw the fight 37-35 for Waire.

A scheduled four-round heavyweight prelim ended suddenly with a TKO by Eddie Wilson, of Los Angeles, over Mike Creel, Las Vegas. Creel went down twice in the opening round and referee Ferd Hernandez stopped the bout at 2:45 of the first round.

In the four-round card opener, Sterling McPhearson, of Las Vegas, fighting his first pro bout, fought to a draw with Ricky Samudio, of Pomona, California.

▲ LAS VEGAS—Three early-round knockouts made it a short night for fans at the Silver Slipper Strip Fight of the Week.

In the heavyweight main event, Rancy Mack, 212, of Philadelphia kayoed Leon Shaw, 218, of Jacksonville, Florida, at 2:42 of the third round.

Mack, acting on advice from veteran trainer Eddie Futch, weighed his opponent carefully, then set him up with a lethal right hook for the final K.O.

In the semi-main, Mario Chavez, 116, of Los Angeles, made short work of opponent Blackie Sandoval, 118, of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Chaves landed a left to Sandoval's jaw midway in the first round and sent him down for an eight-count. Another left sent Sandoval to the canvas for the final K.O. at 2:47 of the first round.

Lynn Ball, 224, of Bossier City, La., gave a brutal boxing lesson to Lee Holloman, 220 of Dallas Texas. Holloman ran for most of the first round and tried it again in the second, but Ball caught him with a right to the jaw that sent him to the canvas. The hapless Holloman was caught early in the third round and his corner threw in the towel as he hit the canvas at forty-seven seconds of the third.

In the only fight to go the distance, Rahim Mohammed, 147½, of Los Angeles, won a majority decision over Idika Nsofor, 148, of Las Vegas. The only real action of the fight came in the fourth round, when Mohammed had his opponent pinned to the corner and pounded him to the body in a futile attempt at a K.O.

▲ LAS VEGAS—It's not earth-shaking news to Las Vegas fight fans when they hear that "The Camels are coming to town."

The Camels are light heavyweight brothers Marvin, 175, and Kenny, 165, fighting out of Missoula Montana.

Both gave the fans a fight for their money—and both went home with wins after the Strip Fight of the Week.

Marvin tackled Jimmy Ingram, 172, of Los Angeles, Calif., and emerged with a hard-fought unanimous decision.

It was Ingram's fight in the arly rounds—and his right lead had Camel dazed for the first two rounds. But Marvin Camel turned the tables in the later rounds, and the southpaw used his right-hand lead to score the winning points. Camel cleverly employed an inside power attack and a constantly moving defense to score in the ninth and tenth rounds.

Kenny Camel, scored a split decision over Las Vegan Chris Black, 160. This semi-main was a repeat of the main event, with the Camel opponent scoring in the early rounds. Black was in command for the first three rounds, until Camel began to wrestle him into the ropes. Despite a severe cut over his left eye, Camel persisted in his attack, and the tiring Black lost a close split decision.

Most exciting fight of the night was the pier six brawl between Gary Yeates, 170, of Reno, Nevada and Charles Roye, 174, of Las Vegas. Yeates, in only his second pro bout, shows promise of greater things to come. Although both boxers fought their hearts out, it was Yeates who showed the power, the persistence and the skill to best his opponent. Roye was down briefly in the fourth round, but got to his feet to survive the fight. Both fighters were drenched in blood; but both showed the mettle of which champions are made. The unanimous decision went to Yeates.

A dull six-rounder saw Chuck Gardner, 233 of Minneapolis, Minn., take a unanimous decision over Ernie Smith, 224, of Dallas, Texas. Both fighters engaged in clinching and ineffective jabs.

The only knockout of the night came in the card opener when Tommy Cisneros, 136, of Las Vegas, won a second-round TKO over Angel Garcia, 135, of Phoenix Arizona. In spite of losing his mouthpiece, Cisneros had his opponent in trouble from the opening bell. The fight was stopped at 1:56 of the second round.

THE SUNNY SOUTH

By JOEL LIPSITT

▲MEMPHIS, TENN.—Holiday Inn, Rivermont—It was simply a dream come true for promoters Jack Lazarov and Red Fortner. For the first time before an excited crowd of about 1,950, an independent Memphian television station, WPTY Channel 24's young innovative sports director, Dic Thorton, took a big gamble and taped the entire five-bout program for viewing.

The gamble proved to be a tremendous success for the Memphian TV audience was treated to one of the most thrilling action packed cards ever seen in this area. Veteran fight buffs raved about the show.

There were three scheduled ten-rounders. In the main ten-rounder, Memphian heavyweight hopeful, 25-year-old blond headed "Big" John Lee, 215, engaged in a wild donnybrook before poleaxing a courageous Charles Atlas, 215, Bastrop, La, at 2:30 of the eighth. Lee's record is now 6-0.

It was a "pier six" bloodbath from the opening bell when both battlers came out tossing the heavy leather, with Lee getting the better of the earlier exchanges as he bloodied Atlas' nose in the opening seconds. In the second and third, Lee continued to score the big bombs as Atlas missed with long overhand right counters.

In the fourth, Lee found the range and smashed Atlas to the canvass with a short choppy right to the temple. Atlas wobbled to his feet at the count of nine and was saved by the bell. In the fifth, Atlas stormed back and scored with two solid rights to Lee's jaw, shaking him. Moments later, while in a toe-to-toe exchange, a booming right by Lee further damaged Atlas' nose. Another right dropped him on his face. At that moment, Lee looked like a sure KO winner, but to the crowd's amazement, Atlas beat the count only to be floored again by a left hook. Once again, he startled the crowd by again beating the count. By this time, Lee's face showed complete frustration and bewilderment.

In the sixth, Atlas regained some composure and actually stung a tired Lee with two rights to the jaw. Then suddenly a chopping right sliced opened a gash just over Lee's right eye below the brow as blood streamed down his face. Atlas now found new life and began his assault as he mauled the stronger Lee into the ropes winning the round. In the seventh, both warriors were exhausted as each bled profusively with the round being even.

In the decisive eighth, Lee summoned all his strength and unleashed a brutal body attack driving Atlas stumbling into the ropes. As Atlas tried to upright himself, a terrific right uppercut floored him for the count; the crowd went wild. It was truly an exciting scrap.

In another excellent action packed ten-rounder, fast rising 27-year-old welterweight Curtis Taylor, 145, now based in Memphis, had his hands full in eking out a close tough split decision win over a very determined 22-year-old Ed Montaque, 146, Monroe, La. Although Taylor held the upper hand during the first four rounds due to his excellent repertoire of punches and ability to get his shots off first, this didn't discourage young Montaque.

In the 5th, as Taylor showed the first signs of weariness, Montaque began to pick up the tempo and was now finding the mark with well placed body shots downstairs to the "engine room" and rights to the jaw. In the 6th, Montaque gained confidence and got to Taylor with some nifty hooks and rights to the body which momentarily confused Taylor.

For the next three rounds, both fighters brought the crowd to their feet with furious exchanges with Montaque scoring the heavier wallops while Taylor scored more frequently. In the final round, both these two superbly conditioned athletes blazed away at each other once again bringing the crowd to their feet. Judge Charles Ray scored it 96-95 for Taylor while Judge Cliff Norwell had it 96-95 for Montaque. Finally, judge Joe Hadley Jr. scored it 96-95 for Taylor. It was good subjective judging which could have gone either way. A rematch is certainly in order.

Taylor, who is originally from Atlanta, was born in Washington, DC, and grew up in the same neighborhood as the late lightweight in the 40s, Sonny "Boy" West and the light heavyweight, Clarence Hinnant, who also fought in the early 50s. Taylor bares much face resemblance to the late Rudel Stitch, popular Louville, welter, who drown accidently in 1960. Taylor with an amateur record of 87-4 was all marine champ in 1974 and won a Bronze Medal in the World Games in 1975.

In the initial ten-rounder, 21-year-old red headed KO artist, light heavyweight Tony McMinn, 177, Quapaw, Okla, upped his record to 29-4, with twenty-seven KOs by icing tough Ray Masterson, 173, Jacksonville, Fl. at 2:05 of the second. After a wild first round in which both took turns rocking each other, with Masterson visibly hurt and returning to his corner on queer street, it was just a matter of time before the end. In the second, McMinn came storming out behind a quick jab and his heavy punching prowess spelled doom for Masterson, with a pulverizing left hook putting Ray out for a full two minutes. McMinn, who is managed by his father, Clarence, is really a crowd pleaser.

In a six-round middleweight clash which ended abruptly, Memphian favorite Glenn Greenwall, 159, upped his record to 4-0 by TKOing southpaw Roger Wells, 159, Pots Camp, Miss at the end of the 1st via a severely cut lip.

In a brisk four-round curtain raiser, likeable Memphian light welter, Simmi Black, 139, who is always on call, was surprisingly held to a draw by newcomer Russell Nations, 142, Birmingham, Alabama, an ex-marine making his pro debut under his manager Ben Montabana, a top welter in the mid-forties who beat the late Cherokee Indian, Vince Foster, from Omaha.

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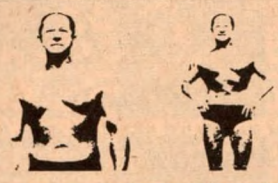

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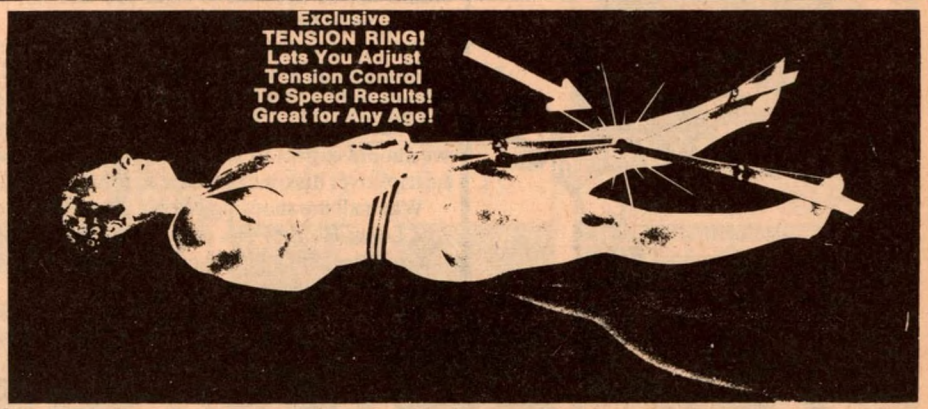

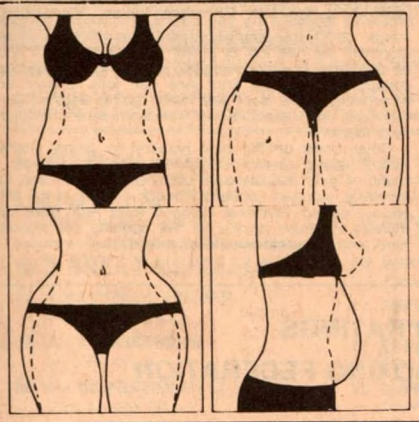

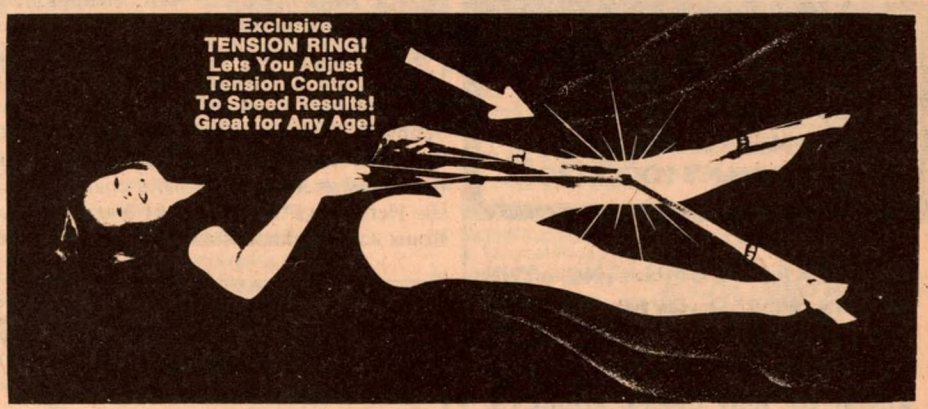

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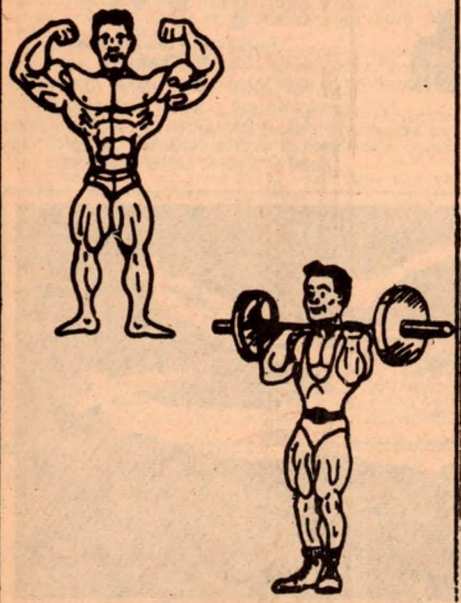

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LARRY HOLMES

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The heavyweight champion puts his title on the line the minute he climbs into the ring.

In most exhibitions, the champion is fairly safe since his fellow sparring partner understands that this is "all for fun." However, if Stevenson gets into a ring with Ali he will be in there to prove he is the better man. Now, if Stevenson should belt Ali, we say just accidently should, then would the world title be retired in Cuba, or would Castro change his game plan and allow Stevenson to "turn pro" and exhibit his skills in honor of the Iron Curtain countries? Our guess is that Stevenson would not be allowed to fight pro and boxing would be in another mess.

And should Ali get through an exhibition in successful style with Stevenson, and this is presuming that Thompson has talked a network into backing the farce, then it seems likely that we should expect to see Ali in exhibitions until he trips over his own beard or an unworthy fist.

When all the shouting is over, and presuming that Larry Holmes has retained his ability to a winner, the heavyweight crown and boxing will enter into a new era.

In Ali, boxing has had a vociferous, bombastic, colorful, quick tongue and mind who has been basically "anti-establishment," perhaps because that pose has paid off at the box office for Ali. In Holmes, the WBC champion, we have a man who has always considered, and often stated, that Joe Louis was his idol. Holmes likes to emulate Louis and the legend that goes back to the night that Joe met Max Schmeling for the second time and annihilated him. For the press and the world at large the bout was Joe Louis, world champion, versus Herr Max, the symbol of Nazi Germany. Louis was a symbol of America and its virtues. Like Joe, Holmes is a true red, white and blue type and we will just have to get used to "Mr. Good Guy." And, being a little more calm than we have gotten used to in Ali doesn't mean that Holmes will be dull copy. Louis certainly wasn't and made some quotes indelible on the slate of time. It will all just be different, and it might even be fun to have a Louis type after all the Ali fireworks beginning back in 1960.

CANADIAN RING ACTION

By FRANK ALLNUTT

▲**MONTREAL** — After a long dull, drawn out winter season for professional boxing in Canada, promoter Regis Levesque had the S.R.O. signs up for his fight card at the Paul Sauve Arena which headlined J.C. LeClair, Montreal, and Eddie Melo, who now fights out of the same city. Pre-fight predictions gave LeClair, with forty-nine fights on his pro record, a good chance of halting the progress of this young, brash nineteen-year-old fighter who has become a big favorite with Montreal fight fans. By the time the two contestants for the main event were ready to face each other, 6,355 fans paying $95,400 at the gate had packed the arena. As soon as Melo entered the ring, a roar went up from the crowd, Melo went right to work by walking over to LeClair and talking up a storm which caught LeClair unawares. Forty-six seconds after the initial bell had sounded for the fight to begin, referee Guy Jutras wisely put an end to the one-sided slaughter which was taking place with the fans going wild. Twenty seconds after the bout had commenced, LeClair was punched clean out of the ring. He made it back to the ring only to be met by another barrage of punches. Quite defenseless, the rferee quickly halted the bout to save LeClair from serious injury. For Melo, it was his twelfth straight win since turning pro. Ten of these have been by kayo. Included in his wins are a decision win over Fernand Marcotte, Jr., the Canadian middleweight champion, in a non-title fight, and a win over rough, tough Gerald Bouchard, a former middleweight champion. At this point, it is doubtful if a return bout with Marcotte for the Canadian middleweight championship will take place, as Melo weighed in at 165 for his bout with LeClair and may have problems to make the 160 pound limit. Eddie Melo has three things going for him which make him a big attraction in Montreal. He has lots of power in his punches, a abundance of charisma, and, for a fighter so young, he just oozes with confidence. Montreal fight fans can look forward to a light heavyweight title bout with Melo going against Gary Summerhays, the Canadian and Commonwealth champion, in the near future.

Other bouts on the card resulted in Jimmy Gradson, Toronto, halting Gerald Bouchard, Montreal, in the seventh round of their middleweight bout. Lightweight Jean LaPointe, Montreal, stopped Leonard Pinnock at 2:31 of the fifth round. Ricky Camaro, Montreal, stopped Ayab Ada, billed out of Edmonton, in three rounds. In the opening six, Marciano Bernardi won a decision over Roland Gordon.

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BOXING IN MEXICO

By EDUARDO AMER G.

▲ **TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS** Guillermo "Lobo" Morales, 126, embalmed Jose Torres, 126, in two rounds, to capture the Mexican featherweight championship. Rafael Rojas, 125, halted Salvador Torres, 126, in five. Luis "Pajarito" Aguilar, 111, decisioned Jimmi Fernandez, 112, in twelve rounds, to become the South Mexican flyweight champion. Juan Jerrera, 112, nailed Victor "Vaquerito" Diaz, 112, in eight. Jose Luis Lara, 125, polished off Antonio Lopez, 124, in six.

▲ **CIUDAD JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA** David "Maceton" Cabrera, 186, Mexican light heavyweight champion, halted Chebo Hernandez, 211, Mexican heavyweight champion, in only two rounds. Jose "Chamizal" Hernandez, 136, won an unpopular decision over Cesar Saviñon, 134, of the Dominican Republic, in ten. Rigoberto "Gigio" Estrada, 117, stopped Armando Villalobos, 118, in two.

▲ **MERIDA, YUCATAN** Hard-hitting Jose Baquedano, 146, bombed out Francisco Famoso, 147, in only fifty seconds of the very first round. Lupe Madera, 112, TKO'd Juan Zarate, 113, in five. Manuel Hong, 119, TKO'd Francisco Ake, 120, in four. Marco Figueroa, 113, TKO'd Fernando Chavez, 113, in four. Carlos Espinosa, 106, lost to Diego Franco, 108, four.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** Salvador Sanchez, 129, flattened Carlos Mimila, 126, in three. Arturo Guzman, 146, TKO'd Lorenzo Alarcon, 147, in three. Roberto Cruz, 166, bested Elias Equihua, 175, eight. Chucho Ramirez, 123, TKO'd Melesio Perez, 122, in three. Juan Maya, 111, won over Luis Castillo, 110, four.

▲ **GOMEZ PALACIO, DURANGO** Lupe Madera, 110, decisioned Rocky Mijares, 112, ten. Mario Castro, 123, TKO'd Jorge "Alacrancito" Torres, 124, in the tenth and last round. Pedro Flores, 109, beat Manny Barajas, 111, ten.

▲ **VALLADOLID, YUCATAN** Jose "Conejo" Quijano, 110, beat Sixto Pech, 111, eight. Guty Castro, 129, outpointed Alex Chacon, 128, four. Diego Franco, 108, TKO'd Jorge Llanes, 110, in four.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** Samuel Machorro, 112, TKO'd Roberto "Bobby" Ruiz, 111, in the sixth round. Jose Luis Valencia, 111, TKO'd Miguel "Raton" Gonzalez, 110, in four. Jose Chavez, 113, halted Felipe Azamar, 114, in two. Roberto Castillo, 122, defeated Rodolfo Morales, 123, six. Juan Atilano, 116, TKO'd Gregorio Menchaca, 115, in two.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** Sergio Cabrera, 125, TKO'd Carlos Saldivar, 125, in three. Ambrosio Luna, 118, bested Felipe "Tigre" Fernandez, 117, eight. Roberto Chavez, 125, lost to Silvestre Dominguez, 124, six. Angel Hernandez, 116, TKO'd Jose Gastelum, 116, in two. Jesus Hernandez, 123, TKO'd Gil Garcia, 122, in one.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** Jose Baquedano, 146, TKO'd Jose Figueroa, 148, in three. Curious: it was registered a double knockdown in the second round when both were hit with right hands. Armando "Palitos" Perez, 112, won a booed decision over Roman Acosta, 111, ten. Jorge de Jesus, 110, TKO'd Jesus "Gavilan" Hernandez, 111, in three. Antonio Gloria, 119, kayoed Chucho Gutierrez, 119, in three. Memo Vallejo, 114, embalmed Carlos Linares, 113, in two.

▲ **TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS** Andres Lovera, 134, outscored Daniel Rojas, 135, ten. Antonio Maderos, 123, nailed Sergio Castillo, 124, in seven. Carlos de la Paz, 113, TKO'd Guillermo Camacho, 112, in four.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** Rodolfo Perez, 116, defeated Bernardo "Batallador" Ibarra, 117, ten. Agustin Ramirez, 126, knocked out Ubaldo Torres, 127, in two. Pablo Flores, 117, TKO'd Eligio Peña, 117, in four. Carlos Morales, 111, won from Jose Cordova, 111, six. Daniel Cuamani, 113, bested Martin Perez, 114, four.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** Isamel Ruiz, 212, decisioned Fernando Montes, 221, ten. Jose Duarte, 145, TKO'd Gonzalo "Raton" Montes, 140, in four. Enrique Vazquez, 135, beat Cayetano Correa, 135, in four. Heriberto Saavedra, 107, TKO'd Luis Soto, 108, in four.

▲ **TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS** Roque Guillen, 118, outpointed Eduardo Torres, 118, in ten.

BOXING IN ARGENTINA

By SIMON BRONENBERG

▲ **Mar del Plata** Argentine flyweight champion Ramon Soria outpointed Miguel Angel Lazarte in twelve and retained his crown.

▲ **San Juan** In the heavy class, Antonio Musladino beat Hector Quinteros by a TKO in five.

▲ **Santa Fe** In the middleweight division, Jacinto Fernandez TKO'd Roque Roldan in six.

▲ **Necochea** Argentine jr. welter champion Hector Luero decisioned Miguel Coria, ten rounds. Non-title bout.

▲ **Chascomus** In the light class, Daniel Slawiski TKO'd Hugo Puerto in seven.

▲ **Quemu-Quemu** Bantams/Undefeated Americo Suarez decisioned Jorge Martinez in ten.

▲ **San Luis** Argentine light heavyweight champion Celestino Bailone stopped Alberto Cardozo TKO in the third round. (Non-title bout)

▲ **Boulogne** In the lightweight class Miguel Barraza whipped Santos Medina in six rounds.

▲ **Mar del Plata** Argentine middleweight champion Ruben Pardo TKO'd Jose Maria Flores, Burlon, Uruguay and South American middle champion by the fourth round and won the South American title.

▲ **Tucuman** Argentine junior fly champion Rodolfo Rodriguez outpointed Luis Gerez, ten. (Non title bout).

▲ **S. Carlos de Bariloche** Argentine and South American jr. light champion Victor Echegaray kayoed Benedicto Villablanca, Chillean champion, in the eighth round and retained the South American crown.

▲ **Zarate** In the light class, Oscar Roman outpointed Carlos Villanueva, ten.

▲ **Monte Hermoso** In the heavy class Antonio Musladino kayoed Marcos "Kid" Tosto in the first round.

▲ **Mar del Plata** Argentine and South American jr. middle champion Manuel Gonzalez and Jose Alberto Vega drew in 10 rounds. (Non title bout)

▲ **Campana** In the welter class, Ricardo Magallanes and Alfredo Campos-suspended in the fourth round for the raining. (No-contest)

▲ **San Pedro** In the light class, Lorenzo Garcia beat Adolfo Felice in the third round by a technical decision.

▲ **Villa Carlos Paz** In the fly class, Santos Laciar outpointed Jose Ibiris, ten.

▲ **Cordoba** Argentine and South American bantam champion Julio C. Saba kayoed Carlos Reyes Sosa in the fourth round. (Non title bout)

▲ **Las Varillas** In the middle class, Juan D Roldan kayoed Juan Hauscartiaga in seven.

▲ **Pte. Roque Saenz Pena** In the feather class, Domingo Casco beat Alberto Soto by one, a TKO in eight.

▲ **Miguel Riglos** In the super bantam class, undefeated Americo Suarez decisioned Ricardo Gomez, ten.

▲ **Mendoza** In the bantam class, Jose Narvaez and Raul "Nico" Perez drew, ten.

▲ **Firmat** In the heavy class, Pedro Sabadini beat Angel Tulian by a TKO in three.

▲ **Huidobro** Argentine and South American bantam super champion Sergio Palma beat Diego Vega Ramirez from Paraguay, by a foul in the third round. (Non title bout)

▲ **Gualeguaychu** Bantamweight Jose F. Uziga kayoed Victor Valenzuela, nine.

ARGENTINE RATINGS
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SUPER HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion:
Domingo D'Elia (Sante Fe)
1. Pablo Noe Castellino (Mendoza)
2. Juan A. Musladino (Buenos Aires)
3. Marcos Tosto (Cap. Fed.)
4. Hugo E. Quinteros (San Juan)
5. Eduardo Robledo (Cordoba)
6. Francisco Bono (Buenos Aires)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion:
Abel Celestino Bailone (Cordoba)
1. Victor E. Galindez (Buenos Aires)
2. Juan D. Suarez (Entre Rios)
3. Ramon R. Cerrezuela (Cordoba)
4. Ruben Zamaro (Nac. Arg.)
5. Carlos Pouyanes (Buenos Aires)
6. Orlando M. Nasul (Tucuman)
7. Jorge Salgado (Cordoba)
8. Oscar Caro (Jujuy)
9. Hugo Arce Rossi (Buenos Aires)
10. Alberto R. Cardozo (Cordoba)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion:
Manuel Ricardo Gonzalez (Mendoza)
1. Alfredo H. Cabral (La Pampa)
2. Jacinto H. Fernandez (Sante Fe)
3. Walter D. Gomez (La Pampa)
4. Raul O. Porcel de Peralta (Cordoba)
5. Juan C. Peralta (Cordoba)
6. Carlos M. del Valle Herrera (Sante Fe)
7. Oscar Ayala (Entre Rios)
8. Carlos Nascimento (Misiones)
9. Alfredo Lucero (Salta)
10. Esteban Osuna (Entre Rios)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion:
Hugo Alfredo Luero (Buenos Aires)
1. Hector Hernandez (Rio Negro)
2. Huan A. Merlo (Corrientes)
3. Roberto Alfaro (Mendoza)
4. Hugo S. Quartapelle (Cordoba)
5. Romulo Ibarra (Corrientes)
6. Ceferino Morales (Sante Fe)
7. Manuel R. Bustos (Mendoza)
8. Ruben Verdun (Misiones)
9. Cirilo Ruiz (Chaco)
10. Ubaldo N. Sacco (Buenos Aires)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion:
Victor Federico Echegaray (San Juan)
1. Daniel B. Murua (Cordoba)
2. Oscar I. Albarracin (Buenos Aires)
3. Ruben G. Rianni (Sante Fe)
4. Juan R. Reyes, (San Juan)
5. Jose L. Valdez (Rio Negro)
6. Oscar J. Barrios (Cap Fed.)
7. Santiago M. Lopez (Chaco)
8. Juan J. Noguera (Entre Rios)
9. Ruben J. Stamulli (Buenos Aires)
10. Ruben Reanno (Cordoba)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion:
Sergio Victor Palma (Chaco)
1. Arnoldo Aguero (Rio Negro)
2. Francisco Acosta (Entre Rios)
3. Ruben H. Butiler (Sgo. del Estero)
4. Ruben M. Granado (Santa Fe)
5. Carlos Betbeder (Buenos Aires)
6. Jose P. Casas (Cordoba)
7. Simon Ortigoza (Formosa)
8. Juan J. Espindola (Sgo. del Estero)
9. Carlos M. Cordoba (Tucuman)
10. Roberto P. Barrientos (Entre Rios)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion:
Ramon Balbino Soria (Cordoba)
1. Gustavo Ballas (Cordoba)
2. Santos Laciar (Cordoba)
3. Miguel A. Lazarte (Buenos Aires)
4. Carlos R. Escalante (Chaco)
5. Ramon Rodriguez (Tucuman)
6. Adrian Roman (Cordoba)
7. Juan D. Aragon (Santa Fe)
8. Reynaldo Romero (Corrientes)
9. Jose L. Lopez (Salta)
10. Luis E. Gomez (Tucuman)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion:
Miguel Angel Paez (Buenos Aires)
1. Juan C. Sosa (Buenos Aires)
2. Roberto G. Aguilar (Santa Fe)
3. Ruben Macario Gonzalez (Santa Fe)
4. Roberto C. Cardozo (Santa Fe)
5. Pedro R. Sabadini (Chaco)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion:
Ruben Hector Pardo (Cap. Fed.)
1. Cesar P. Duarte (Chubut)
2. Ricardo Arce (Corrientes)
3. Camilio Gaitan (Entre Rios)
4. Norberto R. Cabrera (Santa Fe)
5. Jose A. Vega (Cordoba)
6. Miguel A. Castellini (La Pampa)
7. Juan C. Bogado (Entre Rios)
8. Hugo E. Obregon (Santa Fe)
9. Alfredo Cruz (Mendoza)
10. Antonio P. Lopez (Santa Fe)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion:
Miguel Angel Campanino (La Pampa)
1. Daniel A. Gonzalez (Santa Fe)
2. Ricardo A. Magallanes (Santa Fe)
3. Carlos M. Gimenez (Buenos Aires)
4. Mario O. Guillotti (Buenos Aires)
5. Simon Escobar (San Luis)
6. Horacio Saldano (Tucuman)
7. Juan R. Cabral (La Pampa)
8. Jorge E. Yanni (Buenos Aires)
9. Jorge Garcua (Neuquen)
10. Juan C. Morales (Santa Fe)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion:
Oscar Jorge Mendez (Cap. Fed.)
1. Jesus E. Romero (Juguy)
2. Nicolas Arkuszyn (Chaco)
3. Juan M. Zuniga (Nac. Arg.)
4. Jorge J. Gomez (Cordoba)
5. Miguel F. Figueroa (Cordoba)
6. Julio J. Melone (Cordoba)
7. Luis Perez (Tucuman)
8. Jose M. Lopez (Cap. Fed.)
9. Martin J. Leiva (Tucuman)
10. Jose I. Funes (Cordoba)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion:
Juan Domingo Malvarez (Chubut)
1. Hipolito S. Nunez (Salta)
2. Carlos R. Martinetti (Cap. Fed.)
3. Raul Bianco (Cordoba)
4. Julio Alegre (Chaco)
5. Domingo Casco (Chaco)
6. Rmon A. Dominguez (Chaco)
7. Gustavo Martinez (Tucuman)
8. Gabriel Sanchez (Santa Fe)
9. Orlando Lucero (Mendoza)
10. Modesto Gomez (Mendoza)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion:
Julio Cesar Saba (Cordoba)
1. Rolando M. Lahoz (San Juan)
2. Jose F. Uziga (Buenos Aires)
3. Jose R. Narvaez (La Rioja)
4. Marino A. Suarez (Salta)
5. Luis A. Gerez (Buenos Aires)
6. Raul E. Perez (Mendoza)
7. Humberto Torres (San Juan)
8. Carlos Reyes Sosa (Cordoba)
9. Esteban A. Bustos (San Juan)
10. Juan C. Rios (Cap. Fed.)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion:
Rodolfo Gregorio Rodriguez (Entre Rios)
1. Hector L. Patri (Buenos Aires)
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